



# HOUSE BILL No. 5711

March 13, 2018, Introduced by Reps. Cole, LaFave, Bellino, Johnson, Rendon, Hoitenga, Sheppard and VanderWall and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
by amending section 43517 (MCL 324.43517), as added by 2011 PA 109.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 43517. (1) A parent or legal guardian of a minor child  
2 shall not permit or allow the minor child to hunt game under the  
3 authority of a license issued under this part except under 1 of the  
4 following conditions:

5           (a) The minor child hunts only on land upon which a parent or  
6 guardian is regularly domiciled or a parent or guardian, or another  
7 individual at least 18 years old authorized by a parent or  
8 guardian, accompanies the minor child. This subdivision does not  
9 apply under any 1 ~~EITHER~~ of the following circumstances:

1 (i) The license is an apprentice license.

2 ~~—— (ii) The minor child is less than 14 years old and the license~~  
3 ~~is a license to hunt deer, bear, or elk with a firearm.~~

4 (ii) ~~(iii)~~ The minor child is less than 10 years old.

5 (b) If the license is an apprentice license, a parent or  
6 guardian, or another individual at least 21 years old authorized by  
7 a parent or guardian, who is licensed to hunt that game under a  
8 license other than an apprentice license accompanies the minor  
9 child. ~~In addition, if the minor child is less than 14 years old~~  
10 ~~and the apprentice license is a license to hunt deer, bear, or elk~~  
11 ~~with a firearm, the minor child shall hunt only on private~~  
12 ~~property.~~

13 ~~—— (c) If the minor child is less than 14 years old and the~~  
14 ~~license is a license to hunt deer, bear, or elk with a firearm, the~~  
15 ~~minor child hunts only on private property and a parent or~~  
16 ~~guardian, or another individual authorized by a parent or guardian~~  
17 ~~who is at least 18 years old, accompanies the minor child. This~~  
18 ~~subdivision does not apply if the license is an apprentice license~~  
19 ~~or if the minor child is less than 10 years old.~~

20 (C) ~~(d)~~ If the minor child is less than 10 years old, the  
21 minor hunts only with a mentor in compliance with the mentored  
22 youth hunting program established by the commission under  
23 subsection (2).

24 (2) ~~Within 1 year after the effective date of the amendatory~~  
25 ~~act that added this subsection, **BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2012,** the~~  
26 ~~commission shall issue an order under section 40113a establishing a~~  
27 ~~mentored youth hunting program. The order shall **MUST** provide for at~~

1 least all of the following:

2 (a) A mentor shall be at least 21 years of age before  
3 participating in the mentored youth hunting program.

4 (b) A mentor shall possess a valid license to hunt, other than  
5 an apprentice license, before engaging in any mentored youth  
6 hunting program.

7 (c) An individual shall not be a mentor unless he or she  
8 presents proof of previous hunting experience in the form of a  
9 previous hunting license, other than an apprentice license, or  
10 certification of completion of training in hunter safety issued to  
11 the individual by this state, another state, a province of Canada,  
12 or another country.