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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Introduced by Reps. Cole, LaFave, Bellino, Johnson, Rendon, Hoytenga, Sheppard and VanderWall

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5711

AN ACT to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "An act to protect the environment and natural resources of the state; to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify laws relating to the environment and natural resources of the state; to regulate the discharge of certain substances into the environment; to regulate the use of certain lands, waters, and other natural resources of the state; to protect the people's right to hunt and fish; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for certain charges, fees, assessments, and donations; to provide certain appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending section 43517 (MCL 324.43517), as added by 2011 PA 109.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

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

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

- (i) The license is an apprentice license.
- (ii) The minor child is less than 10 years old.

(b) If the license is an apprentice license, a parent or guardian, or another individual at least 21 years old authorized by a parent or guardian, who is licensed to hunt that game under a license other than an apprentice license accompanies the minor child.

(c) If the minor child is less than 10 years old, the minor hunts only with a mentor in compliance with the mentored youth hunting program established by the commission under subsection (2).

(2) By September 1, 2012, the commission shall issue an order under section 40113a establishing a mentored youth hunting program. The order must provide for at least all of the following:

- (a) A mentor shall be at least 21 years of age before participating in the mentored youth hunting program.
- (b) A mentor shall possess a valid license to hunt, other than an apprentice license, before engaging in any mentored youth hunting program.
- (c) An individual shall not be a mentor unless he or she presents proof of previous hunting experience in the form of a previous hunting license, other than an apprentice license, or certification of completion of training in hunter safety issued to the individual by this state, another state, a province of Canada, or another country.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives



Secretary of the Senate

Approved

Governor