

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 207

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
by amending section 43517 (MCL 324.43517), as amended by 2006 PA  
282.

**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 ~~pursuant to~~ **UNDER** this part except  
4 under 1 of the 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 ~~person~~ **INDIVIDUAL** at least 18 years old authorized by a parent or  
8 guardian, accompanies the minor child. This subdivision does not

1 apply under ~~either ANY 1~~ of the following circumstances:

2 (i) The license is an apprentice license.

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

5 **(iii) THE MINOR CHILD IS LESS THAN 10 YEARS OLD.**

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

14 (c) If the minor child is less than 14 years old and the  
15 license is a license to hunt deer, bear, or elk with a firearm, the  
16 minor child hunts only on private property and a parent or  
17 guardian, or another ~~person~~ **INDIVIDUAL** authorized by a parent or  
18 guardian who is at least 18 years old, accompanies the minor child.  
19 This subdivision does not apply if the license is an apprentice  
20 license **OR IF THE MINOR CHILD IS LESS THAN 10 YEARS OLD.**

21 **(D) IF THE MINOR CHILD IS LESS THAN 10 YEARS OLD, THE MINOR**  
22 **HUNTS ONLY WITH A MENTOR IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE MENTORED YOUTH**  
23 **HUNTING PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER SUBSECTION (2).**

24 **(2) WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY**  
25 **ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE AN ORDER**  
26 **UNDER SECTION 40113A ESTABLISHING A MENTORED YOUTH HUNTING PROGRAM.**  
27 **THE ORDER SHALL PROVIDE FOR AT LEAST ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

1 (A) A MENTOR SHALL BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE BEFORE  
2 PARTICIPATING IN THE MENTORED YOUTH HUNTING PROGRAM.

3 (B) A MENTOR SHALL POSSESS A VALID LICENSE TO HUNT, OTHER THAN  
4 AN APPRENTICE LICENSE, BEFORE ENGAGING IN ANY MENTORED YOUTH  
5 HUNTING PROGRAM.

6 (C) AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL NOT BE A MENTOR UNLESS HE OR SHE  
7 PRESENTS PROOF OF PREVIOUS HUNTING EXPERIENCE IN THE FORM OF A  
8 PREVIOUS HUNTING LICENSE, OTHER THAN AN APPRENTICE LICENSE, OR  
9 CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF TRAINING IN HUNTER SAFETY ISSUED TO  
10 THE INDIVIDUAL BY THIS STATE, ANOTHER STATE, A PROVINCE OF CANADA,  
11 OR ANOTHER COUNTRY.

12 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect September  
13 1, 2011.

14 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
15 unless House Bill No. 4371 of the 96th Legislature is enacted into  
16 law.