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Senate Bill 87

Sponsor: Senator James A. Barcia

Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

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SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 87 as introduced 2-2-89:

The bill would amend the Hunting and Fishing License Act to prohibit the sale of a bow and arrow hunting license to a person born after January 1, 1960, unless the person provided proof of previous hunting experience or completion of bow and arrow hunter safety training. Proof of experience would have to be in the form of a bow and arrow hunting license issued by Michigan, another state, a province of Canada, or another country. Proof of training would have to be by a certification of completion of training in bow and arrow hunter safety issued by one of those jurisdictions. If an applicant had neither of those forms of proof, a bow and arrow hunting license could be issued if the applicant submitted a signed affidavit stating that he or she either had completed a bow and arrow hunter safety course or previously possessed a bow and arrow hunting license.

The person selling the license would have to record on the license the applicant's date of birth and the form of proof of previous hunting experience presented by the applicant. The license number or training certification number, the year of issue, and the state, province, or country of issue also would have to be listed.

NOTE: The Act already contains a similar provision that refers only generally to hunting licenses and hunter safety training. The bill would amend that provision to refer to firearm hunting licenses and hunter safety training, and add the provision that refers to bow and arrow hunting and hunter safety training.

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Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no direct fiscal impact on State or local government. According to the Department of Natural Resources, however, the bill would result in increased demand for State-operated bow hunter safety courses, for an estimated cost to the State of \$65,000.

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