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Senate Bill 1105 (Substitute S-2 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

Sponsor: Senator Michelle A. McManus

Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 435 (Hunting and Fishing Licensing) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to do the following:

- Provide for a hunting "apprentice license" that a person with no previous hunting experience could obtain.
- Allow a minor child (a person under 17) to hunt pursuant to an apprentice license, if accompanied by a parent or guardian, or a person who was at least 21 years old and licensed to hunt that game under a license other than an apprentice license.
- Allow a minor child to hunt on land upon which a parent or guardian was not regularly domiciled if accompanied by an authorized person who was at least 21 (rather than 17, as currently allowed).
- Require the Department of Natural Resources, by October 1, 2008, to submit to the standing committees of the Senate and House with primary responsibility for conservation and outdoor recreation issues a report on the effect of the apprentice hunter program on new hunter recruitment and other relevant issues, such as hunter safety.

A person would not be eligible to obtain a specific type of apprentice license for more than two license years. A person who was at least 17 could not hunt game under an apprentice license unless he or she were accompanied by another person at least 21 who was licensed to hunt that game, and who was not accompanying more than two apprentice licensees.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill's provisions concerning an apprentice hunting license would increase revenue to the Game and Fish Protection Fund by an indeterminate amount depending on the number of apprentice hunting licenses sold and the type of hunting licenses.

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