

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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As requested in your instructions, this amendment draft does the following:

1. Clarifies that the mentorship program does not apply to a person who is not required to have a hunting license to hunt under current law.
2. Provides that the provisions of the bill first apply to approvals issued on the day after the effective date of the bill or July 1, 2008, whichever is later.
3. Eliminates the requirement that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) provide hunter safety pamphlets.

Your instructions also requested that the bill provide that if DNR lowers the hunting age, it must be done through the rules process. Please note that the bill already contains this requirement. See s. 29.592 (6) as created in the bill.

I did not make the change related to target practice under s. 948.60 (3) in current law. As I understand the issue, there is concern that current law prohibits a 16- or 17- year old to target practice alone because s. 948.30 (3) (a) requires supervision by an adult. But the exception under s. 948.60 (3) (c) in current law would seem to address this concern because it provides that s. 948.60 does not apply to a person under 18 years of age who possesses or is armed with a rifle or shotgun if the person is in compliance with s. 29.304 or s. 29.593. As you suggested, I attempted to reach Tom Van Haren at DNR to discuss this issue but he was unavailable. In an effort to provide you with a draft as soon as possible, I am not including this item in this version of the draft. If you or Tom Van Haren believe that I have misunderstood your instruction on this issue, please let me know and we can discuss this further.

I will be out of the office until Monday morning, January 28th. If you have any questions about this draft during my absence, please contact Mary Gibson-Glass with whom I have discussed this draft.

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