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Senate Committee Substitute for
Senate, No. 573

1 AN ACT concerning hunting licenses, supplementing Title 23 of the
2 Revised Statutes, and amending various parts of the statutory
3 law.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. R.S.23:1-1 is amended to read as follows:

9 23:1-1. As used in this title:

10 "Apprentice license" means any resident's apprentice firearm
11 hunting license, resident's apprentice bow and arrow license,
12 nonresident's apprentice firearm hunting license, or nonresident's
13 apprentice bow and arrow license issued pursuant to R.S.23:3-4.

14 "Assistant protector" or "assistant fish and game protector"
15 means the Deputy Chief of the Bureau of Law Enforcement in the
16 division;

17 "Closed season" means the date and time of year when wildlife
18 may not be captured, taken, killed, or had in possession in the field;

19 "Code" means the State Fish and Game Code;

20 "Conservation officer" means any sworn, salaried member of the
21 Bureau of Law Enforcement in the division holding the titles of
22 Conservation Officer I, II, or III, and includes the titles of
23 Supervising Conservation Officer and Chief of the Bureau of Law
24 Enforcement;

25 "Council" means the Fish and Game Council in the Division of
26 Fish and Wildlife in the Department of Environmental Protection;

27 "Delaware river" means the waters of the Delaware river from
28 the Pennsylvania shore to the New Jersey shore, or in the case of
29 any tributaries or inland bays on the New Jersey side, to the mouths
30 of those tributaries or bays;

31 "Deputy warden" or "deputy fish and game warden" means any
32 commissioned deputy conservation officer of the Bureau of Law
33 Enforcement in the division;

34 "Division," "Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife," "board," or
35 "Board of Fish and Game Commissioners" means the Division of
36 Fish and Wildlife in the Department of Environmental Protection;

37 "Fishing" means the possession of an instrument used to take fish
38 in a condition that makes the instrument readily usable, while in a
39 place or in proximity thereto where fish may be found;

40 "Hunting" means the possession of an instrument used to take
41 wildlife in a condition that makes the instrument readily usable,
42 while in a place or in proximity thereto where wildlife may be
43 found;

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 "Open season" means the date and time of year when wildlife
2 may be captured, taken, killed, or had in possession;

3 "Protector" or "fish and game protector" means the Chief of the
4 Bureau of Law Enforcement in the division;

5 "Warden" or "fish and game warden" means a conservation
6 officer;

7 "Wildlife" means any wild mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian,
8 fish, mollusk, crustacean or other wild animal or any part, product,
9 egg or offspring or the dead body or parts thereof.

10 (cf: P.L.1999, c.282, s.1)

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12 2. (New section) a. The Division of Fish and Wildlife may, in
13 its discretion, issue an apprentice firearm hunting license to a
14 citizen of the United States above 14 years of age. The division
15 shall not require an applicant to complete a course in gun safety as a
16 condition of issuing an apprentice firearm hunting license to an
17 applicant. The license shall authorize a licensee to hunt only with
18 hounds or firearms and only when accompanied by a holder, above
19 21 years of age, of a regular resident's or nonresident's firearm
20 hunting license. A person may not serve as an accompanying
21 firearm hunting license holder to more than one holder of an
22 apprentice firearm hunting license at a time. The apprentice firearm
23 hunting license shall be void after December 31 of the year of its
24 issuance and may be issued to a person only twice during the
25 person's lifetime. The accompanying firearm hunting license holder
26 shall be subject to all penalties for violations committed by the
27 holder of the apprentice firearm hunting license while under their
28 direct supervision.

29 As used in this subsection, "direct supervision" means the holder
30 of the apprentice firearm hunting license and the accompanying
31 firearm hunting license holder are hunting together as a unit at the
32 same location.

33 b. The division may, its discretion, issue an apprentice bow and
34 arrow license to a citizen of the United States above 14 years of
35 age. The division shall not require an applicant to complete a
36 course in bow and arrow safety as a condition of issuing an
37 apprentice firearm hunting license to an applicant. The license shall
38 authorize a licensee to hunt only with bow and arrow and only when
39 accompanied by a holder, above 21 years of age, of a regular
40 resident's or nonresident's bow and arrow license. The apprentice
41 bow and arrow license shall be void after December 31 of the year
42 of its issuance and may be issued to a person only twice during the
43 person's lifetime.

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45 3. R.S.23:3-4 is amended to read as follows:

46 23:3-4. The licenses issued under this article shall **[be as**
47 **follows]** include, among others authorized by law, the following:

1 a. A license issued to a person above 16 years of age, or in the
2 case of an apprentice firearm hunting license or an apprentice bow
3 and arrow license, a license issued to a person above 14 years of
4 age, who has an actual and bona fide domicile in this State at the
5 time of the application for the license and who has had an actual
6 and bona fide domicile in this State for at least six months
7 immediately prior thereto, provided that for a resident's trapping
8 license the person shall be above 12 years of age. These licenses
9 shall be designated as the resident's firearm hunting license, the
10 resident's bow and arrow license, the resident's trapping license,
11 **[and]** the resident's fishing license , the resident's apprentice
12 firearm hunting license, and the resident's apprentice bow and arrow
13 license.

14 (1) (a) The resident's firearm hunting license shall authorize its
15 holder to hunt with hounds and firearms only, and a fee of \$26.50
16 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be charged therefor, except that a
17 person above the age of 65 years shall be charged a fee of \$14.50
18 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

19 (b) The resident's apprentice firearm hunting license shall
20 authorize its holder to hunt only with hounds and firearms and only
21 when accompanied by a holder, above 21 years of age, of a regular
22 resident's or nonresident's firearm hunting license. A fee of \$26.50
23 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be charged for a resident's
24 apprentice firearm hunting license, except that a person above the
25 age of 65 years shall be charged a fee of \$14.50 and an issuance fee
26 of \$1.00. The resident's apprentice firearm hunting license may be
27 issued to a person only twice during the lifetime of the person.

28 (2) (a) The resident's bow and arrow license shall authorize its
29 holder to hunt with bow and arrow only, and a fee of \$30.50 and an
30 issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be charged therefor, except that a person
31 above the age of 65 years shall be charged a fee of \$15.50 and an
32 issuance fee of \$1.00.

33 (b) The resident's apprentice bow and arrow license shall
34 authorize its holder to hunt only with bow and arrow and only when
35 accompanied by a holder, above 21 years of age, of a regular
36 resident's or nonresident's bow and arrow license. A fee of \$30.50
37 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be charged for a resident's
38 apprentice bow and arrow license, except that a person above the
39 age of 65 years shall be charged a fee of \$15.50 and an issuance fee
40 of \$1.00. The resident's apprentice bow and arrow license may be
41 issued to a person only twice during the lifetime of the person.

42 (3) The resident's trapping license shall authorize its holder to
43 trap only, and a fee of \$31.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be
44 charged therefor, except that a person above 12 years and under 16
45 years of age shall be charged no fee.

46 (4) The resident's fishing license shall authorize its holder to
47 fish only, and a fee of \$21.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be

1 charged therefor, except that (a) in any case where the applicant is
2 above 70 years of age and is otherwise qualified, no license shall be
3 required, and (b) a person above 65 years and under 70 years of age
4 shall be charged a fee of \$11.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

5 (5) Any resident of this State who is afflicted with total
6 blindness, upon application to the division, shall be entitled to a
7 resident's fishing license without fee or charge.

8 b. A license issued to a person above 16 years of age , or in the
9 case of an apprentice firearm hunting license or an apprentice bow
10 and arrow license, a license issued to a person above 14 years of
11 age, not entitled to a resident's license, authorizing him to trap or to
12 hunt, as applicable, except that a nonresident's two-day small game
13 firearm hunting license shall not permit the taking, hunting, or
14 killing of deer or turkey. These licenses shall be designated as the
15 nonresident's firearm hunting license, the nonresident's apprentice
16 firearm hunting license, the nonresident's bow and arrow license,
17 the nonresident's apprentice bow and arrow license, the
18 nonresident's trapping license, and the nonresident's two-day small
19 game firearm hunting license.

20 A nonresident's apprentice firearm hunting license shall
21 authorize its holder to hunt only with hounds and firearms and only
22 when accompanied by a holder, above 21 years of age, of a regular
23 resident's or nonresident's firearm hunting license. A nonresident's
24 apprentice bow and arrow license shall authorize its holder to hunt
25 with bow and arrow only and only when accompanied by a holder,
26 above 21 years of age, of a regular resident's or nonresident's bow
27 and arrow license. The nonresident's apprentice firearm hunting
28 license and the nonresident's apprentice bow and arrow license may
29 each be issued to a person only twice during the lifetime of the
30 person.

31 (1) The fees for the nonresident's firearm hunting license
32 **[and]** , the nonresident's apprentice firearm hunting license, the
33 nonresident's bow and arrow license, and the nonresident's
34 apprentice bow and arrow license shall each be \$134.50 and an
35 issuance fee of \$1.00.

36 (2) The fee for the nonresident's trapping license shall be
37 \$199.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

38 (3) The fee for a nonresident's two-day small game firearm
39 hunting license shall be \$35.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

40 c. A license issued to a person above 16 years of age not
41 entitled to a resident's license, authorizing him to fish only. These
42 licenses shall be designated as the nonresident's annual fishing
43 license, the nonresident's two-day fishing license, valid for a period
44 of two consecutive days, and the nonresident's seven-day vacation
45 fishing license, valid for a period of seven consecutive days.

46 (1) The fee for the nonresident's annual fishing license shall be
47 \$33.00 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

1 (2) The fee for the nonresident's two-day fishing license shall be
2 \$8.00 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

3 (3) The fee for the nonresident's seven-day fishing license shall
4 be \$18.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

5 d. Every license issued hereunder shall be void after December
6 31 next succeeding its issuance, except the one-day hunting license,
7 which shall expire on the date of issuance; the nonresident's seven-
8 day fishing license, which is valid only for seven consecutive days
9 after date of issuance; the nonresident's two-day fishing license,
10 which shall expire on the day after the date of issuance; and the
11 nonresident's two-day small game firearm hunting license, which
12 shall expire on the day after the date of issuance.

13 Any license issued hereunder to a person under 16 years of age
14 shall be void after December 31 of the year in which the licensee
15 becomes 16 years of age.

16 e. The fees for licenses set forth in this section may be adjusted
17 by the Fish and Game Council pursuant to section 12 of P.L.1982,
18 c.180 (C.23:3-1a).

19 (cf: P.L.1999, c.282, s.10)

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21 4. Section 1 of P.L.1954, c.57 (C.23:3-4.2) is amended to read
22 as follows:

23 1. a. Notwithstanding any provisions contained in sections
24 23:3-1 to 23:3-22 of the Revised Statutes, concerning the issuance
25 of resident or nonresident firearm hunting licenses, at the time an
26 application for a firearm hunting license that is not an apprentice
27 license is made by an applicant above the age of 10, to whom a
28 license other than an apprentice license has not previously been
29 issued, such applicant shall present to the issuing agent a certificate
30 stating that the applicant has satisfactorily completed a course in
31 gun safety, which shall be signed by an agent of the Division of
32 Fish **【, Game and Shell Fisheries】** and Wildlife designated for the
33 purpose whose fitness to give instructions in safe gun handling has
34 been determined by the Division of Fish **【, Game and Shell**
35 **Fisheries】** and Wildlife of the Department of Environmental
36 Protection. A person above the age of 10 who previously has **【had】**
37 held a license to engage in hunting **【issued to him】** , other than an
38 apprentice license, shall not be entitled to purchase another such
39 license in a subsequent year unless at the time of making
40 application he shall submit to the license issuing agent his license of
41 a previous year, or a certification from the Division of Fish **【, Game**
42 **and Shell Fisheries】** and Wildlife stating that he held such a license.

43 b. An applicant for an apprentice firearm hunting license shall
44 be exempt from the requirement to show that the person has
45 completed a course in gun safety as provided in subsection a. of this
46 section.

47 (cf: P.L.1971, c.381, s.2)

1 5. Section 6 of P.L.1954, c.57 (C.23:3-4.7) is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 6. No license issuing agent shall issue a firearm hunting
4 license, other than an apprentice license, to a person above the age
5 of 10, **【who has not】** unless the person has submitted **【his】** a
6 firearm hunting license of a previous year that is not an apprentice
7 license, or a certificate showing that he has successfully completed
8 a course in gun safety given by an individual duly designated by the
9 New Jersey Division of Fish **【, Game and Shell Fisheries and any】**
10 and Wildlife. Any person above the age of 10 who obtains a
11 hunting license under false information within the scope of this act
12 shall be subject to a fine of not less than **【\$20.00】** \$20 nor more
13 than **【\$200.00】** \$200 for each offense.
14 (cf: P.L.1971, c.381, s.4)
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16 6. Section 1 of P.L.1957, c.195 (C.23:3-7.1) is amended to read
17 as follows:

18 1. a. Notwithstanding any provisions contained in sections
19 23:3-1 to 23:3-22 of the Revised Statutes, concerning the issuance
20 of resident or nonresident bow and arrow licenses, any person
21 applying for a bow and arrow license, other than an apprentice
22 license, must present to the issuing agent either a certificate stating
23 that the applicant has satisfactorily completed a course in bow and
24 arrow safety and proficiency, which shall be signed by an agent of
25 the Division of Fish and **【Game】** Wildlife designated for the
26 purpose whose fitness to give instructions in bow handling has been
27 determined by the Division of Fish and **【Game】** Wildlife of the
28 Department of **【Conservation and Economic Development】**
29 Environmental Protection, or a previously issued bow and arrow
30 license that is not an apprentice license.

31 b. An applicant for an apprentice bow and arrow license shall
32 be exempt from the requirement to show that the person has
33 completed a course in bow and arrow safety and proficiency as
34 provided in subsection a. of this section.

35 (cf: P.L.1957, c.195, s.1)
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37 7. Section 6 of P.L.1957, c.195 (C.23:3-7.6) is amended to read
38 as follows:

39 6. No license issuing agent shall issue a bow and arrow license,
40 other than an apprentice license, to any person **【who has not been**
41 **issued】** , unless the person has submitted a bow and arrow license
42 **【in】** of a previous year **【unless such person】** that is not an
43 apprentice license, or presents a certificate showing that he has
44 successfully completed a course in bow and arrow safety and
45 proficiency, given by an individual duly designated by the New
46 Jersey Division of Fish and **【Game and any】** Wildlife. Any person

1 who obtains a bow and arrow hunting license under false
2 information within the scope of this act shall be subject to a fine of
3 ~~[\$20.00]~~ \$20.

4 (cf: P.L.1957, c.195, s.6)

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6 8. Section 1 of P.L.1958, c.27 (C.23:3-21.1) is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 1. Any person who directly or indirectly sells, gives or
9 furnishes to a minor under 16 years of age, other than the holder of
10 a valid bow and arrow hunting license or an apprentice bow and
11 arrow license issued pursuant to R.S. 23:3-4, any pointed or metal
12 tipped arrow, except ~~one~~ **one** designed solely for target use, ~~is a~~
13 shall be guilty of a disorderly ~~person~~ **persons** offense.

14 (cf: P.L.1958, c.27, s.1)

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16 9. Section 2 of P.L.1958, c.27 (C.23:3-21.2) is amended to read
17 as follows:

18 2. Any minor under 16 years of age, other than ~~one~~ **one** who is
19 the holder of a valid bow and arrow hunting license, or the holder of
20 an apprentice bow and arrow license under the personal supervision
21 of the holder of a regular resident's or nonresident's bow and arrow
22 license, who shall shoot any pointed or metal tipped arrow,
23 including such as is designed solely for target use, except in the
24 presence, and under the personal supervision, of an instructor or an
25 adult is guilty of juvenile delinquency.

26 (cf: P.L.1958, c.27, s.2)

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28 10. This act shall take effect immediately.

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33 _____
34 Establishes apprentice firearm hunting license and apprentice
bow and arrow license.

SENATE, No. 573

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes certain apprentice hunting licenses.

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Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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1 AN ACT concerning hunting licenses and amending various parts of
2 the statutory law.

3

4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

6

7 1. R.S. 23:1-1 is amended to read as follows:

8 23:1-1. As used in this title:

9 "Apprentice license" means any apprentice youth firearm hunting
10 license or apprentice youth bow and arrow license issued pursuant
11 to R.S.23:3-3, or any resident's apprentice firearm hunting license,
12 resident's apprentice bow and arrow license, nonresident's
13 apprentice firearm hunting license, nonresident's apprentice bow
14 and arrow license, or nonresident's two-day small game apprentice
15 firearm hunting license issued pursuant to R.S.23:3-4.

16 "Assistant protector" or "assistant fish and game protector"
17 means the Deputy Chief of the Bureau of Law Enforcement in the
18 division;

19 "Closed season" means the date and time of year when wildlife
20 may not be captured, taken, killed, or had in possession in the field;

21 "Code" means the State Fish and Game Code;

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23 Bureau of Law Enforcement in the division holding the titles of
24 Conservation Officer I, II, or III, and includes the titles of
25 Supervising Conservation Officer and Chief of the Bureau of Law
26 Enforcement;

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29 "Delaware river" means the waters of the Delaware river from
30 the Pennsylvania shore to the New Jersey shore, or in the case of
31 any tributaries or inland bays on the New Jersey side, to the mouths
32 of those tributaries or bays;

33 "Deputy warden" or "deputy fish and game warden" means any
34 commissioned deputy conservation officer of the Bureau of Law
35 Enforcement in the division;

36 "Division," "Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife," "board," or
37 "Board of Fish and Game Commissioners" means the Division of
38 Fish and Wildlife in the Department of Environmental Protection;

39 "Fishing" means the possession of an instrument used to take fish
40 in a condition that makes the instrument readily usable, while in a
41 place or in proximity thereto where fish may be found;

42 "Hunting" means the possession of an instrument used to take
43 wildlife in a condition that makes the instrument readily usable,
44 while in a place or in proximity thereto where wildlife may be
45 found;

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 "Open season" means the date and time of year when wildlife
2 may be captured, taken, killed, or had in possession;

3 "Protector" or "fish and game protector" means the Chief of the
4 Bureau of Law Enforcement in the division;

5 "Warden" or "fish and game warden" means a conservation
6 officer;

7 "Wildlife" means any wild mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian,
8 fish, mollusk, crustacean or other wild animal or any part, product,
9 egg or offspring or the dead body or parts thereof.

10 (cf: P.L.1999, c.282, s.1)

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12 2. R.S.23:3-3 is amended to read as follows:

13 23:3-3. a. The division may, in its discretion, issue a youth
14 hunting license to a citizen of the United States above 10 years and
15 under 16 years of age, who has successfully completed a course in
16 gun or bow and arrow safety, as the case may be, as required in
17 accordance with this title. Persons above 10 years and under 14
18 years of age may obtain the license only with the permission of a
19 parent or legal guardian. The license shall authorize a licensee
20 above 10 years and under 14 years of age to hunt only when
21 accompanied by a holder, above 21 years of age, of a regular
22 resident's or nonresident's firearm or bow and arrow license, as the
23 case may be. This license shall be void after December 31 of the
24 year in which the licensee becomes 16 years of age.

25 b. The division may, in its discretion, issue an apprentice youth
26 firearm hunting license to a citizen of the United States above 10
27 years and under 16 years of age, who has not completed a course in
28 gun safety, with permission of a parent or legal guardian. The
29 license shall authorize a licensee to hunt only with hounds or
30 firearms and only when accompanied by a holder, above 21 years of
31 age, of a regular resident's or nonresident's firearm license. This
32 license shall be void after December 31 of the year of its issuance
33 and may be issued to a person only twice during the period of
34 eligibility of the person.

35 c. The division may, in its discretion, issue an apprentice youth
36 bow and arrow license to a citizen of the United States above 10
37 years and under 16 years of age, who has not completed a course in
38 bow and arrow safety, with permission of a parent or legal guardian.
39 The license shall authorize a licensee to hunt only with bow and
40 arrow and only when accompanied by a holder, above 21 years of
41 age, of a regular resident's or nonresident's bow and arrow license.
42 This license shall be void after December 31 of the year of its
43 issuance and may be issued to a person only twice during the period
44 of eligibility of the person.

45 (cf: P.L.1999, c.282, s.9)

1 3. R.S.23:3-4 is amended to read as follows:

2 23:3-4. The licenses issued under this article shall **[**be as
3 follows**]** include, among others authorized by law, the following:

4 a. A license issued to a person above 16 years of age, who has
5 an actual and bona fide domicile in this State at the time of the
6 application for the license and who has had an actual and bona fide
7 domicile in this State for at least six months immediately prior
8 thereto, provided that for a resident's trapping license the person
9 shall be above 12 years of age. These licenses shall be designated
10 as the resident's firearm hunting license, the resident's apprentice
11 firearm hunting license, the resident's bow and arrow license, the
12 resident's apprentice bow and arrow license, the resident's trapping
13 license, and the resident's fishing license.

14 (1) (a) The resident's firearm hunting license shall authorize its
15 holder to hunt with hounds and firearms only, and a fee of \$26.50
16 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be charged therefor, except that a
17 person above the age of 65 years shall be charged a fee of \$14.50
18 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

19 (b) The resident's apprentice firearm hunting license shall
20 authorize its holder to hunt only with hounds and firearms and only
21 when accompanied by a holder, above 21 years of age, of a regular
22 resident's or nonresident's firearm hunting license. A fee of \$26.50
23 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be charged for a resident's
24 apprentice firearm hunting license, except that a person above the
25 age of 65 years shall be charged a fee of \$14.50 and an issuance fee
26 of \$1.00. The resident's apprentice firearm hunting license may be
27 issued to a person only twice during the lifetime of the person.

28 (2) (a) The resident's bow and arrow license shall authorize its
29 holder to hunt with bow and arrow only, and a fee of \$30.50 and an
30 issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be charged therefor, except that a person
31 above the age of 65 years shall be charged a fee of \$15.50 and an
32 issuance fee of \$1.00.

33 (b) The resident's apprentice bow and arrow license shall
34 authorize its holder to hunt only with bow and arrow and only when
35 accompanied by a holder, above 21 years of age, of a regular
36 resident's or nonresident's bow and arrow license. A fee of \$30.50
37 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be charged for a resident's
38 apprentice bow and arrow license, except that a person above the
39 age of 65 years shall be charged a fee of \$15.50 and an issuance fee
40 of \$1.00. The resident's apprentice bow and arrow license may be
41 issued to a person only twice during the lifetime of the person.

42 (3) The resident's trapping license shall authorize its holder to
43 trap only, and a fee of \$31.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be
44 charged therefor, except that a person above 12 years and under 16
45 years of age shall be charged no fee.

46 (4) The resident's fishing license shall authorize its holder to
47 fish only, and a fee of \$21.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be

1 charged therefor, except that (a) in any case where the applicant is
2 above 70 years of age and is otherwise qualified, no license shall be
3 required, and (b) a person above 65 years and under 70 years of age
4 shall be charged a fee of \$11.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

5 (5) Any resident of this State who is afflicted with total
6 blindness, upon application to the division, shall be entitled to a
7 resident's fishing license without fee or charge.

8 b. A license issued to a person above 16 years of age not
9 entitled to a resident's license, authorizing him to trap or to hunt,
10 except that **[a]** neither the nonresident's two-day small game
11 firearm hunting license nor the nonresident's two-day small game
12 apprentice firearm hunting license shall **[not]** permit the taking,
13 hunting, or killing of deer or turkey. These licenses shall be
14 designated as the nonresident's firearm hunting license, the
15 nonresident's apprentice firearm hunting license, the nonresident's
16 bow and arrow license, the nonresident's apprentice bow and arrow
17 license, the nonresident's trapping license, **[and]** the nonresident's
18 two-day small game firearm hunting license , and the nonresident's
19 two-day small game apprentice firearm hunting license.

20 A nonresident's apprentice firearm hunting license shall
21 authorize its holder to hunt only when accompanied by a holder,
22 above 21 years of age, of a regular resident's or nonresident's
23 firearm hunting license. A nonresident's apprentice bow and arrow
24 license shall authorize its holder to hunt only when accompanied by
25 a holder, above 21 years of age, of a regular resident's or
26 nonresident's bow and arrow license. A nonresident's two-day
27 small game apprentice firearm hunting license shall authorize its
28 holder to hunt only when accompanied by a holder, above 21 years
29 of age, of a regular resident's or nonresident's firearm hunting
30 license or a regular resident's or nonresident's two-day small game
31 firearm hunting license. The nonresident's apprentice firearm
32 hunting license, the nonresident's apprentice bow and arrow license,
33 and the nonresident's two-day small game apprentice firearm
34 hunting license may each be issued to a person only twice during
35 the lifetime of the person.

36 (1) The fees for the nonresident's firearm hunting license **[and]**,
37 the nonresident's apprentice firearm hunting license, the
38 nonresident's bow and arrow license, and the nonresident's
39 apprentice bow and arrow license shall each be \$134.50 and an
40 issuance fee of \$1.00.

41 (2) The fee for the nonresident's trapping license shall be
42 \$199.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

43 (3) The fee for a nonresident's two-day small game firearm
44 hunting license or a nonresident's two-day small game apprentice
45 firearm hunting license shall be \$35.50 and an issuance fee of
46 \$1.00.

1 c. A license issued to a person above 16 years of age not
2 entitled to a resident's license, authorizing him to fish only. These
3 licenses shall be designated as the nonresident's annual fishing
4 license, the nonresident's two-day fishing license, valid for a period
5 of two consecutive days, and the nonresident's seven-day vacation
6 fishing license, valid for a period of seven consecutive days.

7 (1) The fee for the nonresident's annual fishing license shall be
8 \$33.00 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

9 (2) The fee for the nonresident's two-day fishing license shall be
10 \$8.00 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

11 (3) The fee for the nonresident's seven-day fishing license shall
12 be \$18.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

13 d. Every license issued hereunder shall be void after December
14 31 next succeeding its issuance, except the one-day hunting license,
15 which shall expire on the date of issuance; the nonresident's seven-
16 day fishing license, which is valid only for seven consecutive days
17 after date of issuance; the nonresident's two-day fishing license,
18 which shall expire on the day after the date of issuance; **and** the
19 nonresident's two-day small game firearm hunting license, which
20 shall expire on the day after the date of issuance; and the
21 nonresident's two-day small game apprentice firearm hunting
22 license, which shall expire on the day after the date of issuance.

23 Any license issued hereunder to a person under 16 years of age
24 shall be void after December 31 of the year in which the licensee
25 becomes 16 years of age.

26 e. The fees for licenses set forth in this section may be adjusted
27 by the Fish and Game Council pursuant to section 12 of P.L.1982,
28 c.180 (C.23:3-1a).

29 (cf: P.L.1999, c.282, s.10)

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31 4. Section 1 of P.L.1954, c.57 (C.23:3-4.2) is amended to read
32 as follows:

33 1. Notwithstanding any provisions contained in sections 23:3-1
34 to 23:3-22 of the Revised Statutes, concerning the issuance of
35 resident or nonresident firearm hunting licenses, at the time an
36 application for a firearm hunting license that is not an apprentice
37 license is made by an applicant above the age of 10, to whom a
38 license other than an apprentice license has not previously been
39 issued, such applicant shall present to the issuing agent a certificate
40 stating that the applicant has satisfactorily completed a course in
41 gun safety, which shall be signed by an agent of the Division of
42 Fish **and** Game and Shell Fisheries **and** Wildlife designated for the
43 purpose whose fitness to give instructions in safe gun handling has
44 been determined by the Division of Fish **and** Game and Shell
45 Fisheries **and** Wildlife of the Department of Environmental
46 Protection. A person above the age of 10 who previously has **had**
47 held a license to engage in hunting **issued to him** , other than an

1 apprentice license, shall not be entitled to purchase another such
2 license in a subsequent year unless at the time of making
3 application he shall submit to the license issuing agent his license of
4 a previous year, or a certification from the Division of Fish **】, Game**
5 **and Shell Fisheries**】** and Wildlife stating that he held such a license.
6 (cf: P.L.1971, c.381, s.2)**

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8 5. Section 5 of P.L.1954, c.57 (C.23:3-4.6) is amended to read
9 as follows:

10 5. This act shall also apply to the issuance of youth hunting
11 licenses under subsection a. of R.S.23:3-3, and all applicants for
12 **【such】** firearm hunting licenses under that subsection shall be
13 required to first complete the gun safety course.

14 (cf: P.L.1999, c.282, s.12)

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16 6. Section 6 of P.L.1954, c.57 (C.23:3-4.7) is amended to read
17 as follows:

18 6. No license issuing agent shall issue a firearm hunting
19 license, other than an apprentice license, to a person above the age
20 of 10, **【who has not】** unless the person has submitted **【his】** a
21 firearm hunting license of a previous year that is not an apprentice
22 license, or a certificate showing that he has successfully completed
23 a course in gun safety given by an individual duly designated by the
24 New Jersey Division of Fish **】, Game and Shell Fisheries and any**】**25 and Wildlife. Any person above the age of 10 who obtains a
26 hunting license under false information within the scope of this act
27 shall be subject to a fine of not less than **【\$20.00】** \$20 nor more
28 than **【\$200.00】** \$200 for each offense.**

29 (cf: P.L.1971, c.381, s.4)

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31 7. Section 1 of P.L.1957, c.195 (C.23:3-7.1) is amended to read
32 as follows:

33 1. Notwithstanding any provisions contained in sections 23:3-1
34 to 23:3-22 of the Revised Statutes, concerning the issuance of
35 resident or nonresident bow and arrow licenses, any person
36 applying for a bow and arrow license, other than an apprentice
37 license, must present to the issuing agent either a certificate stating
38 that the applicant has satisfactorily completed a course in bow and
39 arrow safety and proficiency, which shall be signed by an agent of
40 the Division of Fish and **【Game】** Wildlife designated for the
41 purpose whose fitness to give instructions in bow handling has been
42 determined by the Division of Fish and **【Game】** Wildlife of the
43 Department of **【Conservation and Economic Development**】****
44 Environmental Protection, or a previously issued bow and arrow
45 license that is not an apprentice license.

46 (cf: P.L.1957, c.195, s.1)

1 8. Section 5 of P.L.1957, c.195 (C.23:3-7.5) is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 5. This act shall also apply to the issuance of youth hunting
4 licenses under subsection a. of R.S.23:3-3, and all applicants for
5 **【such】** bow and arrow licenses under that subsection shall be
6 required to first complete the bow and arrow safety and proficiency
7 course.

8 (cf: P.L.1999, c.282, s.14)

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10 9. Section 6 of P.L.1957, c.195 (C.23:3-7.6) is amended to read
11 as follows:

12 6. No license issuing agent shall issue a bow and arrow license,
13 other than an apprentice license, to any person **【who has not been**
14 **issued】** , unless the person has submitted a bow and arrow license
15 **【in】** of a previous year that is not an apprentice license, **【unless**
16 **such person】** or presents a certificate showing that he has
17 successfully completed a course in bow and arrow safety and
18 proficiency, given by an individual duly designated by the New
19 Jersey Division of Fish and **【Game and any】** Wildlife. Any person
20 who obtains a bow and arrow hunting license under false
21 information within the scope of this act shall be subject to a fine of
22 **【\$20.00】** \$20.

23 (cf: P.L.1957, c.195, s.6)

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25 10. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

29

30 This bill would establish several apprentice licenses for firearm
31 and bow and arrow hunting. Under current law, hunting licenses
32 are issued in several forms (including a resident's firearm hunting
33 license, resident's bow and arrow license, resident's two-day small
34 game firearm hunting license, nonresident's firearm hunting license,
35 nonresident's bow and arrow license, and nonresident's two-day
36 small game firearm hunting license), each of which requires an
37 applicant who has not previously held a license to first complete a
38 course in gun or bow and arrow safety, as the case may be. This
39 bill would establish, for each of these regular licenses, a
40 corresponding apprentice license for which an applicant would not
41 be required to complete a safety course. The apprentice licenses,
42 however, would only authorize a licensee to hunt when
43 accompanied by a person above 21 years of age who holds a regular
44 license for firearm or bow and arrow hunting, as appropriate. In
45 addition, this bill would limit the number of times a person may be
46 issued a given type of apprentice license to only twice in the
47 lifetime of the person.

1 The bill would also authorize the issuance of an apprentice youth
2 firearm hunting license and an apprentice youth bow and arrow
3 license to minors above 10 years and under 16 years of age, at the
4 discretion of the Division of Fish and Wildlife in the Department of
5 Environmental Protection. The division is currently authorized to
6 issue regular youth hunting licenses to minors above 10 years and
7 under 16 years of age, provided they first complete a safety course.
8 Furthermore, the regular youth hunting license requires those
9 licensees above 10 years and under 14 years of age to be
10 accompanied by an individual above the age of 21 who holds an
11 adult hunting license. However, this requirement does not apply to
12 licensees of age 14 or 15.

13 By contrast, the apprentice youth firearm hunting license and the
14 apprentice youth bow and arrow license established under this bill
15 would not require an applicant to first take a safety course, but
16 would require all such licensees, regardless of age, to be
17 accompanied by an individual above the age of 21 who holds a
18 regular adult hunting license. The licenses would expire on
19 December 31 of the year of issue and each applicant would be
20 limited to only two apprentice youth firearm hunting licenses and
21 two apprentice youth bow and arrow licenses during his or her
22 period of eligibility.

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR **SENATE, No. 573**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 12, 2015

The Senate Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports a committee substitute for Senate Bill No. 573.

This committee substitute would establish apprentice licenses for firearm and bow and arrow hunting. Under current law, hunting licenses are issued in several forms (including a resident's firearm hunting license, resident's bow and arrow license, nonresident's firearm hunting license, and nonresident's bow and arrow license), each of which requires an applicant who has not previously held a license to first complete a course in gun or bow and arrow safety, as the case may be. This bill would allow, for each of these regular licenses, for any person above 14 years of age, a corresponding apprentice license for which an applicant would not be required to complete a safety course. The apprentice licenses, however, would only authorize a licensee to hunt when accompanied by a person above 21 years of age who holds a regular license for firearm or bow and arrow hunting, as appropriate. In addition, this bill would limit the number of times a person may be issued a given type of apprentice license to only twice in the lifetime of the person.

The division is currently authorized to issue regular youth hunting licenses to minors above 10 years and under 16 years of age, provided they first complete a safety course. Furthermore, the regular youth hunting license requires those licensees above 10 years and under 14 years of age to be accompanied by an individual above the age of 21 who holds an adult hunting license. However, this requirement does not apply to licensees of age 14 or 15.

By contrast, the apprentice firearm hunting license and the apprentice bow and arrow license established under this bill would not require an applicant to first take a safety course, but would require all such licensees, regardless of age, to be accompanied by an individual above the age of 21 who holds a regular adult hunting license. The licenses would expire on December 31 of the year of issue and each applicant would be limited to only two apprentice firearm hunting licenses and two apprentice bow and arrow licenses during his or her period of eligibility.

The committee substitute would also amend current law to clarify that a person under 16 years of age who holds an apprentice bow and arrow license and is under the supervision of the holder of an adult bow and arrow license is not subject to the prohibition of pointing or shooting metal tipped arrows, and that a person who furnishes a pointed or metal tipped arrow to a person under 16 years of age who holds an apprentice bow and arrow license does not commit a disorderly persons offense.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR **SENATE, No. 573**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 9, 2015

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 573 (SCS).

This bill would establish apprentice licenses for firearm and bow and arrow hunting. Under current law, hunting licenses are issued by the Division of Fish and Wildlife in the Department of Environmental Protection in several forms (including a resident's firearm hunting license, resident's bow and arrow license, nonresident's firearm hunting license, and nonresident's bow and arrow license), each of which requires an applicant who has not previously held a license to first complete a course in gun or bow and arrow safety, as the case may be. This bill would allow, for each of these regular licenses, for any person above 14 years of age, a corresponding apprentice license for which an applicant would not be required to complete a safety course. The apprentice licenses, however, would only authorize a licensee to hunt when accompanied by a person above 21 years of age who holds a regular license for firearm or bow and arrow hunting, as appropriate. In addition, this bill would limit the number of times a person may be issued a given type of apprentice license to only twice in the lifetime of the person.

The division is currently authorized to issue regular youth hunting licenses to minors above 10 years and under 16 years of age, provided they first complete a safety course. Furthermore, the regular youth hunting license requires those licensees above 10 years and under 14 years of age to be accompanied by an individual above the age of 21 who holds an adult hunting license. However, this requirement does not apply to licensees of age 14 or 15.

By contrast, the apprentice firearm hunting license and the apprentice bow and arrow license established under this bill would not require an applicant to first take a safety course, but would require all such licensees, regardless of age, to be accompanied by an individual above the age of 21 who holds a regular adult hunting license. The licenses would expire on December 31 of the year of issue and each applicant would be limited to only two apprentice firearm hunting licenses and two apprentice bow and arrow licenses during his or her period of eligibility.

Finally, the bill would also amend current law to clarify that a person under 16 years of age who holds an apprentice bow and arrow license and is under the supervision of the holder of an adult bow and arrow license is not subject to the prohibition of pointing or shooting metal tipped arrows, and that a person who furnishes a pointed or metal tipped arrow to a person under 16 years of age who holds an apprentice bow and arrow license does not commit a disorderly persons offense.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to information provided by the DEP, no additional expenses are expected to be incurred by the department to implement and administer the provisions of the bill. However, the OLS estimates that there would be an indeterminate increase in State revenue from license fees received from applicants for apprentice firearm hunting licenses and apprentice bow and arrow licenses. The amount of revenue received would depend on the number of apprentice licenses issued by the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

This bill would allow the division to issue new resident and nonresident apprentice hunting licenses to applicants, and would limit the number of licenses issued to only twice in the lifetime of an applicant. The licenses would expire on the last day of the year of issue. The OLS notes that fees for the apprentice hunting licenses are identical to the fees charged for the regular hunting licenses issued by the division.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE, No. 573
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MARCH 13, 2015

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Establishes apprentice firearm hunting license and apprentice bow and arrow license.

Type of Impact: State revenue increase.

Agencies Affected: Department of Environmental Protection

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost	None – See comments below		
State Revenue	Indeterminate increase – See comments below		

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that there would be an indeterminate increase in State revenue from license fees received from applicants for apprentice firearm hunting licenses and apprentice bow and arrow licenses. The amount of revenue received would depend on the number of apprentice licenses issued by the Division of Fish and Wildlife.
- This bill would allow the division to issue new resident and nonresident apprentice hunting licenses to applicants, and would limit the number of licenses issued to only twice in the lifetime of an applicant. The licenses would expire on the last day of the year of issue.
- According to informal information provided by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), no additional expenses are expected to be incurred by the department to implement and administer the provisions of the bill.
- The OLS notes that fees for the apprentice hunting licenses are identical to the fees charged for the regular hunting licenses issued by the division.

BILL DESCRIPTION

The Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 573 of 2014 would establish apprentice licenses for firearm and bow and arrow hunting. Under current law, hunting licenses are issued in several forms (including a resident's firearm hunting license, resident's bow and arrow license, nonresident's firearm hunting license, and nonresident's bow and arrow license), each of which requires an applicant who has not previously held a license to first complete a course in gun or bow and arrow safety. This bill would allow, for each of these regular licenses, for any person above 14 years of age, a corresponding apprentice license for which an applicant would not be required to complete a safety course. The apprentice licenses, however, would only authorize a licensee to hunt when accompanied by a person above 21 years of age who holds a regular license for firearm or bow and arrow hunting, as appropriate. In addition, this bill would limit the number of times a person may be issued a given type of apprentice license to only twice in the lifetime of the person.

The division is currently authorized to issue regular youth hunting licenses to minors above 10 years and under 16 years of age, provided they first complete a safety course. Furthermore, the regular youth hunting license requires those licensees above 10 years and under 14 years of age to be accompanied by an individual above the age of 21 who holds an adult hunting license. However, this requirement does not apply to licensees of age 14 or 15.

By contrast, the apprentice firearm hunting license and the apprentice bow and arrow license established under this bill would not require an applicant to first take a safety course, but would require all such licensees, regardless of age, to be accompanied by an individual above the age of 21 who holds a regular adult hunting license. The licenses would expire on December 31 of the year of issue and each applicant would be limited to only two apprentice firearm hunting licenses and two apprentice bow and arrow licenses during his or her period of eligibility.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

According to informal information provided by the DEP, no additional expenses are expected to be incurred by the department to implement and administer the provisions of the bill.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS estimates that there would be an indeterminate increase in State revenue from license fees received from applicants for apprentice firearm hunting licenses and apprentice bow and arrow licenses. The amount of revenue received would depend on the number of apprentice licenses issued by the Division of Fish and Wildlife. This bill would allow the division to issue new resident and nonresident apprentice hunting licenses to applicants, and would limit the number of licenses issued to only twice in the lifetime of an applicant. The licenses would expire on the last day of the year of issue. The OLS notes that fees for the apprentice hunting licenses are identical to the fees charged for the regular hunting licenses issued by the division.

Section: Environment, Agriculture, Energy and Natural Resources

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

SENATE, No. 573

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 23, 2015

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 573 (SCS).

This bill establishes apprentice licenses for firearm and bow and arrow hunting.

Under current law, hunting licenses are issued by the Division of Fish and Wildlife in the Department of Environmental Protection in several forms (including a resident's firearm hunting license, resident's bow and arrow license, nonresident's firearm hunting license, and nonresident's bow and arrow license), each of which requires an applicant who has not previously held a license to first complete a course in gun or bow and arrow safety, as the case may be.

This bill allows, for each of these regular licenses, for any person above 14 years of age, a corresponding apprentice license for which an applicant would not be required to complete a safety course. The apprentice licenses, however, would only authorize a licensee to hunt when accompanied by a person above 21 years of age who holds a regular license for firearm or bow and arrow hunting, as appropriate. In addition, this bill would limit the number of times a person may be issued a given type of apprentice license to twice in a lifetime.

The division is currently authorized to issue regular youth hunting licenses to minors above 10 years and under 16 years of age, provided they first complete a safety course. Furthermore, the regular youth hunting license requires those licensees above 10 years and under 14 years of age to be accompanied by an individual above the age of 21 who holds an adult hunting license. However, this requirement does not apply to licensees of age 14 or 15.

By contrast, the apprentice firearm hunting license and the apprentice bow and arrow license established under this bill would not require an applicant to first take a safety course, but would require all such licensees, regardless of age, to be accompanied by an individual above the age of 21 who holds a regular adult hunting license. The licenses would expire on December 31 of the year of issue.

The bill would also amend current law to clarify that a person under 16 years of age who holds an apprentice bow and arrow license and is under the supervision of the holder of an adult bow and arrow

license is not subject to the prohibition of pointing or shooting metal tipped arrows, and that a person who furnishes a pointed or metal tipped arrow to a person under 16 years of age who holds an apprentice bow and arrow license does not commit a disorderly persons offense.

As reported by the committee, the bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2443, as substituted and also reported by the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to information provided by the DEP, no additional expenses are expected to be incurred by the department to implement and administer the provisions of the bill. However, the OLS estimates that there would be an indeterminate increase in State revenue from license fees received from applicants for apprentice firearm hunting licenses and apprentice bow and arrow licenses. The amount of revenue received would depend on the number of apprentice licenses issued by the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

This bill would allow the division to issue new resident and nonresident apprentice hunting licenses to applicants, and would limit the number of licenses issued to only twice in the lifetime of an applicant. The licenses would expire on the last day of the year of issue. The OLS notes that fees for the apprentice hunting licenses are identical to the fees charged for the regular hunting licenses issued by the division.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2443

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 6, 2014

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JOHN J. BURZICHELLI

District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)

Assemblyman PARKER SPACE

District 24 (Morris, Sussex and Warren)

Assemblywoman ALISON LITTELL MCHOSE

District 24 (Morris, Sussex and Warren)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes certain apprentice hunting licenses.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/17/2014)

1 AN ACT concerning hunting licenses and amending various parts of
2 the statutory law.

3

4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. R.S. 23:1-1 is amended to read as follows:

8 23:1-1. As used in this title:

9 "Apprentice license" means any apprentice youth firearm
10 hunting license or apprentice youth bow and arrow license issued
11 pursuant to R.S.23:3-3, or any resident's apprentice firearm hunting
12 license, resident's apprentice bow and arrow license, nonresident's
13 apprentice firearm hunting license, nonresident's apprentice bow
14 and arrow license, or nonresident's two-day small game apprentice
15 firearm hunting license issued pursuant to R.S.23:3-4.

16 "Assistant protector" or "assistant fish and game protector"
17 means the Deputy Chief of the Bureau of Law Enforcement in the
18 division;

19 "Closed season" means the date and time of year when wildlife
20 may not be captured, taken, killed, or had in possession in the field;

21 "Code" means the State Fish and Game Code;

22 "Conservation officer" means any sworn, salaried member of the
23 Bureau of Law Enforcement in the division holding the titles of
24 Conservation Officer I, II, or III, and includes the titles of
25 Supervising Conservation Officer and Chief of the Bureau of Law
26 Enforcement;

27 "Council" means the Fish and Game Council in the Division of
28 Fish and Wildlife in the Department of Environmental Protection;

29 "Delaware river" means the waters of the Delaware river from
30 the Pennsylvania shore to the New Jersey shore, or in the case of
31 any tributaries or inland bays on the New Jersey side, to the mouths
32 of those tributaries or bays;

33 "Deputy warden" or "deputy fish and game warden" means any
34 commissioned deputy conservation officer of the Bureau of Law
35 Enforcement in the division;

36 "Division," "Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife," "board," or
37 "Board of Fish and Game Commissioners" means the Division of
38 Fish and Wildlife in the Department of Environmental Protection;

39 "Fishing" means the possession of an instrument used to take fish
40 in a condition that makes the instrument readily usable, while in a
41 place or in proximity thereto where fish may be found;

42 "Hunting" means the possession of an instrument used to take
43 wildlife in a condition that makes the instrument readily usable,
44 while in a place or in proximity thereto where wildlife may be
45 found;

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 "Open season" means the date and time of year when wildlife
2 may be captured, taken, killed, or had in possession;

3 "Protector" or "fish and game protector" means the Chief of the
4 Bureau of Law Enforcement in the division;

5 "Warden" or "fish and game warden" means a conservation
6 officer;

7 "Wildlife" means any wild mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian,
8 fish, mollusk, crustacean or other wild animal or any part, product,
9 egg or offspring or the dead body or parts thereof.

10 (cf: P.L.1999, c.282, s.1)

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12 2. R.S.23:3-3 is amended to read as follows:

13 23:3-3. a. The division may, in its discretion, issue a youth
14 hunting license to a citizen of the United States above 10 years and
15 under 16 years of age, who has successfully completed a course in
16 gun or bow and arrow safety, as the case may be, as required in
17 accordance with this title. Persons above 10 years and under 14
18 years of age may obtain the license only with the permission of a
19 parent or legal guardian. The license shall authorize a licensee
20 above 10 years and under 14 years of age to hunt only when
21 accompanied by a holder, above 21 years of age, of a regular
22 resident's or nonresident's firearm or bow and arrow license, as the
23 case may be. This license shall be void after December 31 of the
24 year in which the licensee becomes 16 years of age.

25 b. The division may, in its discretion, issue an apprentice youth
26 firearm hunting license to a citizen of the United States above 10
27 years and under 16 years of age, who has not completed a course in
28 gun safety, with permission of a parent or legal guardian. The
29 license shall authorize a licensee to hunt only with hounds or
30 firearms and only when accompanied by a holder, above 21 years of
31 age, of a regular resident's or nonresident's firearm license. This
32 license shall be void after December 31 of the year of its issuance
33 and may be issued to a person only twice during the period of
34 eligibility of the person.

35 c. The division may, in its discretion, issue an apprentice youth
36 bow and arrow license to a citizen of the United States above 10
37 years and under 16 years of age, who has not completed a course in
38 bow and arrow safety, with permission of a parent or legal guardian.
39 The license shall authorize a licensee to hunt only with bow and
40 arrow and only when accompanied by a holder, above 21 years of
41 age, of a regular resident's or nonresident's bow and arrow license.
42 This license shall be void after December 31 of the year of its
43 issuance and may be issued to a person only twice during the period
44 of eligibility of the person.

45 (cf: P.L.1999, c.282, s.9)

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47 3. R.S.23:3-4 is amended to read as follows:

1 23:3-4. The licenses issued under this article shall [be as
2 follows] include, among others authorized by law, the following:

3 a. A license issued to a person above 16 years of age, who has
4 an actual and bona fide domicile in this State at the time of the
5 application for the license and who has had an actual and bona fide
6 domicile in this State for at least six months immediately prior
7 thereto, provided that for a resident's trapping license the person
8 shall be above 12 years of age. These licenses shall be designated
9 as the resident's firearm hunting license, the resident's apprentice
10 firearm hunting license, the resident's bow and arrow license, the
11 resident's apprentice bow and arrow license, the resident's trapping
12 license, and the resident's fishing license.

13 (1) (a) The resident's firearm hunting license shall authorize its
14 holder to hunt with hounds and firearms only, and a fee of \$26.50
15 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be charged therefor, except that a
16 person above the age of 65 years shall be charged a fee of \$14.50
17 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

18 (b) The resident's apprentice firearm hunting license shall
19 authorize its holder to hunt only with hounds and firearms and only
20 when accompanied by a holder, above 21 years of age, of a regular
21 resident's or nonresident's firearm hunting license. A fee of \$26.50
22 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be charged for a resident's
23 apprentice firearm hunting license, except that a person above the
24 age of 65 years shall be charged a fee of \$14.50 and an issuance fee
25 of \$1.00.

26 (2) (a) The resident's bow and arrow license shall authorize its
27 holder to hunt with bow and arrow only, and a fee of \$30.50 and an
28 issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be charged therefor, except that a person
29 above the age of 65 years shall be charged a fee of \$15.50 and an
30 issuance fee of \$1.00.

31 (b) The resident's apprentice bow and arrow license shall
32 authorize its holder to hunt only with bow and arrow and only when
33 accompanied by a holder, above 21 years of age, of a regular
34 resident's or nonresident's bow and arrow license. A fee of \$30.50
35 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be charged for a resident's
36 apprentice bow and arrow license, except that a person above the
37 age of 65 years shall be charged a fee of \$15.50 and an issuance fee
38 of \$1.00.

39 (3) The resident's trapping license shall authorize its holder to
40 trap only, and a fee of \$31.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be
41 charged therefor, except that a person above 12 years and under 16
42 years of age shall be charged no fee.

43 (4) The resident's fishing license shall authorize its holder to
44 fish only, and a fee of \$21.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be
45 charged therefor, except that (a) in any case where the applicant is
46 above 70 years of age and is otherwise qualified, no license shall be
47 required, and (b) a person above 65 years and under 70 years of age
48 shall be charged a fee of \$11.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

1 (5) Any resident of this State who is afflicted with total
2 blindness, upon application to the division, shall be entitled to a
3 resident's fishing license without fee or charge.

4 b. A license issued to a person above 16 years of age not
5 entitled to a resident's license, authorizing him to trap or to hunt,
6 except that **[a]** neither the nonresident's two-day small game
7 firearm hunting license nor the nonresident's two-day small game
8 apprentice firearm hunting license shall **[not]** permit the taking,
9 hunting, or killing of deer or turkey. These licenses shall be
10 designated as the nonresident's firearm hunting license, the
11 nonresident's apprentice firearm hunting license, the nonresident's
12 bow and arrow license, the nonresident's apprentice bow and arrow
13 license, the nonresident's trapping license, **[and]** the nonresident's
14 two-day small game firearm hunting license, and the nonresident's
15 two-day small game apprentice firearm hunting license.

16 A nonresident's apprentice firearm hunting license shall
17 authorize its holder to hunt only when accompanied by a holder,
18 above 21 years of age, of a regular resident's or nonresident's
19 firearm hunting license. A nonresident's apprentice bow and arrow
20 license shall authorize its holder to hunt only when accompanied by
21 a holder, above 21 years of age, of a regular resident's or
22 nonresident's bow and arrow license. A nonresident's two-day
23 small game apprentice firearm hunting license shall authorize its
24 holder to hunt only when accompanied by a holder, above 21 years
25 of age, of a regular resident's or nonresident's firearm hunting
26 license or a regular resident's or nonresident's two-day small game
27 firearm hunting license. The nonresident's apprentice firearm
28 hunting license, the nonresident's apprentice bow and arrow license,
29 and the nonresident's two-day small game apprentice firearm
30 hunting license may each be issued to a person only twice during
31 the lifetime of the person.

32 (1) The fees for the nonresident's firearm hunting license **[and]**,
33 the nonresident's apprentice firearm hunting license, the
34 nonresident's bow and arrow license, and the nonresident's
35 apprentice bow and arrow license shall each be \$134.50 and an
36 issuance fee of \$1.00.

37 (2) The fee for the nonresident's trapping license shall be
38 \$199.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

39 (3) The fee for a nonresident's two-day small game firearm
40 hunting license or a nonresident's two-day small game apprentice
41 firearm hunting license shall be \$35.50 and an issuance fee of
42 \$1.00.

43 c. A license issued to a person above 16 years of age not
44 entitled to a resident's license, authorizing him to fish only. These
45 licenses shall be designated as the nonresident's annual fishing
46 license, the nonresident's two-day fishing license, valid for a period
47 of two consecutive days, and the nonresident's seven-day vacation
48 fishing license, valid for a period of seven consecutive days.

1 (1) The fee for the nonresident's annual fishing license shall be
2 \$33.00 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

3 (2) The fee for the nonresident's two-day fishing license shall be
4 \$8.00 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

5 (3) The fee for the nonresident's seven-day fishing license shall
6 be \$18.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

7 d. Every license issued hereunder shall be void after December
8 31 next succeeding its issuance, except the one-day hunting license,
9 which shall expire on the date of issuance; the nonresident's seven-
10 day fishing license, which is valid only for seven consecutive days
11 after date of issuance; the nonresident's two-day fishing license,
12 which shall expire on the day after the date of issuance; **and** the
13 nonresident's two-day small game firearm hunting license, which
14 shall expire on the day after the date of issuance; and the
15 nonresident's two-day small game apprentice firearm hunting
16 license, which shall expire on the day after the date of issuance.

17 Any license issued hereunder to a person under 16 years of age
18 shall be void after December 31 of the year in which the licensee
19 becomes 16 years of age.

20 e. The fees for licenses set forth in this section may be adjusted
21 by the Fish and Game Council pursuant to section 12 of P.L.1982,
22 c.180 (C.23:3-1a).

23 (cf: P.L.1999, c.282, s.10)

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25 4. Section 1 of P.L.1954, c.57 (C.23:3-4.2) is amended to read
26 as follows:

27 1. Notwithstanding any provisions contained in sections 23:3-1
28 to 23:3-22 of the Revised Statutes, concerning the issuance of
29 resident or nonresident firearm hunting licenses, at the time an
30 application for a firearm hunting license that is not an apprentice
31 license is made by an applicant above the age of 10, to whom a
32 license other than an apprentice license has not previously been
33 issued, such applicant shall present to the issuing agent a certificate
34 stating that the applicant has satisfactorily completed a course in
35 gun safety, which shall be signed by an agent of the Division of
36 Fish **and Wildlife** designated for the
37 purpose whose fitness to give instructions in safe gun handling has
38 been determined by the Division of Fish **and Wildlife**
39 **and Wildlife** of the Department of Environmental
40 Protection. A person above the age of 10 who previously has **had**
41 held a license to engage in hunting **issued to him** , other than an
42 apprentice license, shall not be entitled to purchase another such
43 license in a subsequent year unless at the time of making
44 application he shall submit to the license issuing agent his license of
45 a previous year, or a certification from the Division of Fish **and Wildlife**
46 **and Wildlife** stating that he held such a license.
47 (cf: P.L.1971, c.381, s.2)

1 5. Section 5 of P.L.1954, c.57 (C.23:3-4.6) is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 5. This act shall also apply to the issuance of youth hunting
4 licenses under subsection a. of R.S.23:3-3, and all applicants for
5 **【such】** firearm hunting licenses under that subsection shall be
6 required to first complete the gun safety course.
7 (cf: P.L.1999, c.282, s.12)

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9 6. Section 6 of P.L.1954, c.57 (C.23:3-4.7) is amended to read
10 as follows:

11 6. No license issuing agent shall issue a firearm hunting
12 license, other than an apprentice license, to a person above the age
13 of 10, **【who has not】** unless the person has submitted **【his】** a
14 firearm hunting license of a previous year that is not an apprentice
15 license, or a certificate showing that he has successfully completed
16 a course in gun safety given by an individual duly designated by the
17 New Jersey Division of Fish **【, Game and Shell Fisheries and any】**
18 and Wildlife. Any person above the age of 10 who obtains a
19 hunting license under false information within the scope of this act
20 shall be subject to a fine of not less than **【\$20.00】** \$20 nor more
21 than **【\$200.00】** \$200 for each offense.
22 (cf: P.L.1971, c.381, s.4)

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24 7. Section 1 of P.L.1957, c.195 (C.23:3-7.1) is amended to read
25 as follows:

26 1. Notwithstanding any provisions contained in sections 23:3-1
27 to 23:3-22 of the Revised Statutes, concerning the issuance of
28 resident or nonresident bow and arrow licenses, any person
29 applying for a bow and arrow license, other than an apprentice
30 license, must present to the issuing agent either a certificate stating
31 that the applicant has satisfactorily completed a course in bow and
32 arrow safety and proficiency, which shall be signed by an agent of
33 the Division of Fish and **【Game】** Wildlife designated for the
34 purpose whose fitness to give instructions in bow handling has been
35 determined by the Division of Fish and **【Game】** Wildlife of the
36 Department of **【Conservation and Economic Development】**
37 Environmental Protection, or a previously issued bow and arrow
38 license that is not an apprentice license.
39 (cf: P.L.1957, c.195, s.1)

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41 8. Section 5 of P.L.1957, c.195 (C.23:3-7.5) is amended to read
42 as follows:

43 5. This act shall also apply to the issuance of youth hunting
44 licenses under subsection a. of R.S.23:3-3, and all applicants for
45 **【such】** bow and arrow licenses under that subsection shall be

1 required to first complete the bow and arrow safety and proficiency
2 course.

3 (cf: P.L.1999, c.282, s.14)

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5 9. Section 6 of P.L.1957, c.195 (C.23:3-7.6) is amended to read
6 as follows:

7 6. No license issuing agent shall issue a bow and arrow license,
8 other than an apprentice license, to any person **【**who has not been
9 issued**】** , unless the person has submitted a bow and arrow license
10 **【in】** of a previous year that is not an apprentice license, **【**unless
11 such person**】** or presents a certificate showing that he has
12 successfully completed a course in bow and arrow safety and
13 proficiency, given by an individual duly designated by the New
14 Jersey Division of Fish and **【**Game and any**】** Wildlife. Any person
15 who obtains a bow and arrow hunting license under false
16 information within the scope of this act shall be subject to a fine of
17 **【\$20.00】** \$20.

18 (cf: P.L.1957, c.195, s.6)

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20 10. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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25 This bill would establish several apprentice licenses for firearm
26 and bow and arrow hunting. Under current law, hunting licenses
27 are issued in several forms, including a resident's firearm hunting
28 license, resident's bow and arrow license, resident's two-day small
29 game firearm hunting license, nonresident's firearm hunting license,
30 nonresident's bow and arrow license, and nonresident's two-day
31 small game firearm hunting license. Each of these licenses requires
32 an applicant who has not previously held a license to first complete
33 a course in gun or bow and arrow safety, as the case may be. This
34 bill would establish, for each of these regular licenses, a
35 corresponding apprentice license for which an applicant would not
36 be required to complete a safety course. The apprentice licenses,
37 however, would only authorize a licensee to hunt when
38 accompanied by a person above 21 years of age who holds a regular
39 license for firearm or bow and arrow hunting, as the case may be.
40 In addition, this bill would limit the number of times a person may
41 be issued a given type of apprentice license to only twice in the
42 lifetime of the person.

43 The bill would also authorize the issuance of an apprentice youth
44 firearm hunting license and an apprentice youth bow and arrow
45 license to minors above 10 years and under 16 years of age, at the
46 discretion of the Division of Fish and Wildlife in the Department of
47 Environmental Protection. The division is currently authorized to

1 issue regular youth hunting licenses to minors above 10 years and
2 under 16 years of age, provided they first complete a safety course.
3 Furthermore, the regular youth hunting license requires those
4 licensees above 10 years and under 14 years of age to be
5 accompanied by an individual above the age of 21 who holds an
6 adult hunting license. However, this requirement does not apply to
7 licensees of age 14 or 15.

8 By contrast, the apprentice youth firearm hunting license and the
9 apprentice youth bow and arrow license established under this bill
10 would not require an applicant to first take a safety course, but
11 would require all licensees, regardless of age, to be accompanied by
12 an individual above the age of 21 who holds a regular adult hunting
13 license. The licenses would expire on December 31 of the year of
14 issue and each applicant would be limited to only two apprentice
15 youth firearm hunting licenses and two apprentice youth bow and
16 arrow licenses during his or her period of eligibility.

ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ASSEMBLY, No. 2443

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 23, 2015

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably, an Assembly Committee Substitute for Bill No. 2443.

This committee substitute establishes apprentice licenses for firearm and bow and arrow hunting.

Under current law, hunting licenses are issued by the Division of Fish and Wildlife in the Department of Environmental Protection in several forms (including a resident's firearm hunting license, resident's bow and arrow license, nonresident's firearm hunting license, and nonresident's bow and arrow license), each of which requires an applicant who has not previously held a license to first complete a course in gun or bow and arrow safety, as the case may be.

This committee substitute allows, for each of these regular licenses, for any person above 14 years of age, a corresponding apprentice license for which an applicant would not be required to complete a safety course. The apprentice licenses, however, would only authorize a licensee to hunt when accompanied by a person above 21 years of age who holds a regular license for firearm or bow and arrow hunting, as appropriate. In addition, this substitute would limit the number of times a person may be issued a given type of apprentice license to twice in a lifetime.

The division is currently authorized to issue regular youth hunting licenses to minors above 10 years and under 16 years of age, provided they first complete a safety course. Furthermore, the regular youth hunting license requires those licensees above 10 years and under 14 years of age to be accompanied by an individual above the age of 21 who holds an adult hunting license. However, this requirement does not apply to licensees of age 14 or 15.

By contrast, the apprentice firearm hunting license and the apprentice bow and arrow license established under this substitute would not require an applicant to first take a safety course, but would require all such licensees, regardless of age, to be accompanied by an individual above the age of 21 who holds a regular adult hunting license. The licenses would expire on December 31 of the year of issue.

The committee substitute would also amend current law to clarify that a person under 16 years of age who holds an apprentice bow and arrow license and is under the supervision of the holder of an adult bow and arrow license is not subject to the prohibition of pointing or shooting metal tipped arrows, and that a person who furnishes a pointed or metal tipped arrow to a person under 16 years of age who holds an apprentice bow and arrow license does not commit a disorderly persons offense.

As reported and substituted by the committee, the committee substitute is identical to Senate Bill No. 573 (SCS), as also reported by the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to information provided by the DEP, no additional expenses are expected to be incurred by the department to implement and administer the provisions of the substitute. However, the OLS estimates that there would be an indeterminate increase in State revenue from license fees received from applicants for apprentice firearm hunting licenses and apprentice bow and arrow licenses. The amount of revenue received would depend on the number of apprentice licenses issued by the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

This committee substitute would allow the division to issue new resident and nonresident apprentice hunting licenses to applicants, and would limit the number of licenses issued to only twice in the lifetime of an applicant. The licenses would expire on the last day of the year of issue. The OLS notes that fees for the apprentice hunting licenses are identical to the fees charged for the regular hunting licenses issued by the division.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, No. 2443
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 29, 2015

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Establishes apprentice firearm hunting license and apprentice bow and arrow license.

Type of Impact: State revenue increase.

Agencies Affected: Department of Environmental Protection

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost	None – See comments below		
State Revenue	Indeterminate increase – See comments below		

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that there would be an indeterminate increase in State revenue from license fees received from applicants for apprentice firearm hunting licenses and apprentice bow and arrow licenses. The amount of revenue received would depend on the number of apprentice licenses issued by the Division of Fish and Wildlife.
- This bill would allow the division to issue new resident and nonresident apprentice hunting licenses to applicants, and would limit the number of licenses issued to only twice in the lifetime of an applicant. The licenses would expire on the last day of the year of issue.
- According to informal information provided by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), no additional expenses are expected to be incurred by the department to implement and administer the provisions of the bill.
- The OLS notes that fees for the apprentice hunting licenses are identical to the fees charged for the regular hunting licenses issued by the division.

BILL DESCRIPTION

The Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 2443 of 2014 would establish apprentice licenses for firearm and bow and arrow hunting. Under current law, hunting licenses are issued in several forms (including a resident's firearm hunting license, resident's bow and arrow license, nonresident's firearm hunting license, and nonresident's bow and arrow license), each of which requires an applicant who has not previously held a license to first complete a course in gun or bow and arrow safety. This bill would allow, for each of these regular licenses, for any person above 14 years of age, a corresponding apprentice license for which an applicant would not be required to complete a safety course. The apprentice licenses, however, would only authorize a licensee to hunt when accompanied by a person above 21 years of age who holds a regular license for firearm or bow and arrow hunting, as appropriate. In addition, this bill would limit the number of times a person may be issued a given type of apprentice license to only twice in the lifetime of the person.

The division is currently authorized to issue regular youth hunting licenses to minors above 10 years and under 16 years of age, provided they first complete a safety course. Furthermore, the regular youth hunting license requires those licensees above 10 years and under 14 years of age to be accompanied by an individual above the age of 21 who holds an adult hunting license. However, this requirement does not apply to licensees of age 14 or 15.

By contrast, the apprentice firearm hunting license and the apprentice bow and arrow license established under this bill would not require an applicant to first take a safety course, but would require all such licensees, regardless of age, to be accompanied by an individual above the age of 21 who holds a regular adult hunting license. The licenses would expire on December 31 of the year of issue and each applicant would be limited to only two apprentice firearm hunting licenses and two apprentice bow and arrow licenses during his or her period of eligibility.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

According to informal information provided by the DEP, no additional expenses are expected to be incurred by the department to implement and administer the provisions of the bill.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS estimates that there would be an indeterminate increase in State revenue from license fees received from applicants for apprentice firearm hunting licenses and apprentice bow and arrow licenses. The amount of revenue received would depend on the number of apprentice licenses issued by the Division of Fish and Wildlife. This bill would allow the division to issue new resident and nonresident apprentice hunting licenses to applicants, and would limit the number of licenses issued to only twice in the lifetime of an applicant. The licenses would expire on the last day of the year of issue. The OLS notes that fees for the apprentice hunting licenses are identical to the fees charged for the regular hunting licenses issued by the division.

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).