

**House File 164 - Introduced**

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BY WILLS

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to licenses for apprentice hunters.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.27A, subsection 1, Code 2019, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Notwithstanding [section 483A.27](#), a person who is ~~sixteen~~  
4 nine years of age or older may purchase a hunting license with  
5 an apprentice hunter designation on the license without first  
6 completing a hunter education course if the person meets all  
7 the requirements of [this section](#). The issuance of a license  
8 with an apprentice hunter designation shall not be restricted  
9 by the provisions of section 483A.31.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

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the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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Under current law, a person who is at least 16 years old may  
14 purchase a license with an apprentice hunter designation. This  
15 bill allows a person who is at least nine years old to purchase  
16 a license with an apprentice hunter designation. The bill  
17 requires the department of natural resources to issue a license  
18 with an apprentice hunter designation to a nonresident even if  
19 the nonresident's state does not provide reciprocal benefits  
20 to Iowa residents.