

**Chap. 156.** AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING TRAPPING BY MINORS AND THE ISSUANCE OF MINORS' CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY IN THE SAFE HANDLING OF FIREARMS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The first paragraph of section 14 of chapter 131 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 802 of the acts of 1967, is hereby amended by striking out clause (c) and inserting in place thereof the following clause: —

(c) or a certificate of competency as provided in this section.

SECTION 2. Said section 14 of said chapter 131 is hereby further amended by striking out the fourth paragraph, as amended by chapter 60 of the acts of 1971, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

Nothing in this section or any other provision of law shall prohibit a minor twelve to fourteen years of age, inclusive, from participating in the hunting of birds and mammals when accompanied by a duly licensed adult; provided that the bag limit established by law or regulation for one person shall not be exceeded; and provided, further that only one firearm shall be used in such hunting. Not more than one such minor shall at any one time accompany one adult, and such minors shall not be required to be licensed.

*Approved April 9, 1973.*

**Chap. 157.** AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATING THE LAW RELATIVE TO THE SALE OF AMMUNITION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section 122B of chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the last paragraph, as appearing in section 2 of chapter 799 of the acts of 1969, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

Whoever not being licensed, as hereinbefore provided, sells ammunition within the commonwealth shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred nor more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not less than six months or more than two years.

*Approved April 9, 1973.*

**Chap. 158.** AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR GIVING FALSE INFORMATION WHEN PURCHASING, RENTING OR HIRING A FIREARM OR OTHER WEAPON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 129, as most recently amended by section 6 of chapter 737 of the acts of 1968, and inserting in place thereof the following section: —

*Section 129.* Whoever in purchasing, renting or hiring a firearm,