

By Mr. Flaherty of Boston, petition of Michael F. Flaherty and another relative to requiring the completion of a hunter safety course before the issuance of hunting or sporting licenses. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five.

AN ACT REQUIRING COMPLETION OF AN APPROVED HUNTER SAFETY COURSE PRIOR TO RECEIVING A HUNTING OR SPORTING LICENSE AND CREATING A BOARD TO ISSUE SUCH LICENSE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 All new applications for a Massachusetts hunting or sporting
2 license shall be required to furnish proof of attendance and
3 completion of an approved hunter safety course. Any person who
4 can furnish proof of holding a hunting or sporting license in a
5 previous year shall be exempt. A five member board shall be
6 appointed from nominations made to the governor of the
7 commonwealth from the division of fisheries and game, the Gun
8 Owner's Action League, and other recognized Massachusetts
9 sportsmans' groups. Each organization shall be represented by
10 one member of the board. The board shall set the curriculum of
11 the hunter safety course, the locations where it is to be held and
12 the fee for attendance. The curriculum shall consist of the NRA
13 hunter safety course with any additions, deletions or
14 modifications that the board feels are necessary. Instructors are
15 to be NRA certified and will conduct the courses at municipal
16 buildings, church buildings, gym clubs or any other convenient
17 locations. Fees collected from applicants shall be divided equally
18 among the sponsor of each course and the division of fisheries
19 and game. Fees paid to the sponsor shall be used to defray
20 expenses and to help establish future courses. Fees paid to said
21 division shall be used to advertise and promote the hunter safety
22 program. Initial fees shall be determined by the board.

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