

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1013

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO FISH AND GAME; AMENDING SECTION 36-411, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH
3 PROVISIONS RELATED TO TRAPPING EDUCATION AND LICENSING AND TO MAKE A
4 TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 36-412, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE
5 PROVISIONS REGARDING EDUCATION PROGRAMS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
6 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Section 36-411, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
9 amended to read as follows:

10 36-411. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION. (a) Hunter education. No hunting
11 license shall be issued to a person born after January 1, 1975, unless the
12 person has previously held a valid hunting license in this or another state
13 or unless such person presents to the department of fish and game or one of
14 its authorized license vendors, a certificate of completion in hunter edu-
15 cation issued by the department under the hunter education program or proof
16 that he holds the equivalent of such a certificate obtained either in Idaho
17 or from an authorized agency or association of another state or country.

18 (b) Archery education. On and after January 1, 1994, no person shall
19 be issued an archery permit unless that person presents to the department a
20 certificate of completion in archery education issued by the department, or
21 proof that such person holds the equivalent of such a certificate obtained
22 either in Idaho or from an authorized agency or association in another state,
23 or proof that such person has previously held a valid archery permit in Idaho
24 or another state or country.

25 (c) Trapper education. Any person who did not possess an Idaho trapping
26 license before July 1, 2011, is ineligible to obtain a trapping license un-
27 less that person presents to the department a certificate of completion in
28 trapper education issued by the department or an equivalent certification
29 obtained from an authorized agency or association. No trapping license is
30 required for a person to trap when accompanied by, and under the direct su-
31 per vision of, an outfitter or guide licensed under this title having a valid
32 Idaho trapping license and certified in trapper education for the species to
33 be trapped, provided that the person being supervised holds a license to hunt
34 big game in Idaho. The guide or outfitter supervising such person shall en-
35 sure compliance with all reporting requirements for each animal caught in
36 the mandatory trapper report and shall ensure compliance with all check and
37 tagging requirements for each animal possessed by the person being super-
38 vised.

39 SECTION 2. That Section 36-412, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
40 amended to read as follows:

1 36-412. EDUCATION PROGRAMS -- INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS -- FEE. (a)
2 The fish and game commission shall prescribe and administer education
3 programs in hunting, trapping, and archery. ~~Such programs shall provide~~
4 ~~instruction in the safe handling of lawful hunting and trapping equipment.~~
5 ~~The programs shall also include instruction on wildlife and natural resource~~
6 ~~conservation, good conduct and respect for the rights and property of oth-~~
7 ~~ers, and survival in the outdoors.~~ The commission may enter into agreements
8 with public or private agencies and individuals in carrying out the provi-
9 sions of this subsection. Such programs shall provide instruction on:

- 10 1. The safe handling of lawful hunting and trapping equipment;
- 11 2. Weapon safety;
- 12 3. Wildlife and natural resource conservation and laws;
- 13 4. Good conduct and respect for the rights and property of others, in-
14 cluding laws prohibiting trespass and tampering with real and personal
15 property;
- 16 5. Species identification and non-target species avoidance;
- 17 6. Ethical practices;
- 18 7. First aid; and
- 19 8. Survival in the outdoors.

20 (b) The department of fish and game shall recruit competent volunteer
21 instructors. The department shall provide training for the instructors in
22 the safe handling of legal hunting and trapping equipment, conservation of
23 wildlife and natural resources, good conduct and respect for the rights and
24 property of others, outdoor survival, and other appropriate subjects for
25 training instructors. Instructors shall be issued certificates and shall on
26 a voluntary basis give instruction in education programs as established by
27 the department of fish and game to all eligible applicants.

28 (c) The commission shall establish fees for each program not to exceed
29 eight dollars (\$8.00) for persons who are age seventeen (17) years and under
30 and not to exceed eight dollars (\$8.00) for persons age eighteen (18) years
31 and older, to be assessed each individual obtaining instruction in hunter
32 education or trapping education for reimbursement for furnished materials.
33 All students successfully completing the course of instruction shall be is-
34 sued a certificate of completion.

35 SECTION 3. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
36 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
37 July 1, 2025.