

CHAPTER 209

NATURAL RESOURCES

SENATE BILL 94-066

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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF COLORADO YOUTH WILDLIFE LICENSES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. The general assembly finds and declares that:

(1) Hunting and fishing are traditional outdoor activities of great importance to the Colorado economy;

(2) The continued popularity of hunting and fishing depends on a citizenry that is knowledgeable about outdoor recreation, wildlife management, and wildlife conservation;

(3) Studies have shown that most hunters are introduced to this activity before reaching the age of sixteen years;

(4) Offering young persons a low-cost introduction to hunting and fishing, in combination with Colorado's hunter education program and a requirement that young persons be accompanied by an adult while hunting, will help ensure that hunting and fishing remain popular and that many citizens learn about environmental ethics, outdoor survival, firearms safety, and wildlife management and conservation at an early age.

SECTION 2. Article 4 of title 33, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1984 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

33-4-117. Youth licenses - special restrictions and privileges. (1) ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1995, ANY PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF SIXTEEN YEARS MAY OBTAIN A COMBINATION YOUTH SMALL GAME HUNTING, FURBEARER, AND FISHING LICENSE, ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 33-4-102 (1.4) (x), FOR A FEE OF ONE DOLLAR UPON SHOWING A HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATE AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 33-6-107 (8). SAID ONE-DOLLAR FEE INCLUDES THE SEARCH AND RESCUE FUND SURCHARGE IMPOSED UNDER SECTION 33-1-112.5 (2) (a).

(2) EVERY PERSON HUNTING WITH A COMBINATION YOUTH SMALL GAME HUNTING AND FURBEARER LICENSE SHALL AT ALL TIMES BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PERSON EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 33-6-107 (3.5); EXCEPT THAT A PERSON OF ANY AGE WHO PURCHASES A SMALL GAME HUNTING LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 33-4-102 (1.4) (f) OR A FURBEARER LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 33-4-102 (1.4) (h) IS EXEMPT FROM THIS RESTRICTION.

(3) POSSESSION OF A COMBINATION YOUTH SMALL GAME HUNTING, FURBEARER, AND FISHING LICENSE ENTITLES THE HOLDER TO ONE-HALF OF THE BAG LIMIT AND ONE-HALF OF THE POSSESSION LIMIT OF FISH AS SET BY THE COMMISSION.

(4) YOUTH BIG GAME LICENSES, ENTITLING THE HOLDER TO HUNT DEER, ELK, OR ANTELOPE, MAY BE PURCHASED BY PERSONS TWELVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE FOR THE FEES SPECIFIED IN SECTION 33-4-102 (1.4) (w). SAID FEES INCLUDE THE SEARCH AND RESCUE FUND SURCHARGE IMPOSED UNDER SECTION 33-1-112.5 (2) (a). PERSONS UNDER SIXTEEN HUNTING DEER, ELK, OR ANTELOPE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PERSON EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 33-6-107 (4).

(5) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2000.

SECTION 3. 33-4-102 (1.4) (i), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1984 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended, and the said 33-4-102 (1.4) is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW PARAGRAPHS, to read:

33-4-102. Types of licenses and fees. (1.4) Effective January 1, 1991, the division is authorized to issue the following resident and nonresident licenses and shall collect the following fees therefor, except as otherwise provided pursuant to subsection (1.6) of this section:

Fees

Resident Nonresident

(i) Furbearer license= youth (under fifteen years of age)	10.00 200.00
(w) YOUTH BIG GAME (DEER, ELK, ANTELOPE)	10.00 EACH 75.00 EACH
(x) COMBINATION YOUTH SMALL	

GAME HUNTING, FURBEARER,
AND FISHING 1.00 1.00

SECTION 4. 33-6-107 (4) and (6), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1984 Repl. Vol., are amended, and the said 33-6-107, as amended, is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

33-6-107. Licensing violations - penalties. (3.5) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (9) OF THIS SECTION, IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO HUNT WILDLIFE WITH A YOUTH LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 33-4-102 (1.4) (x) UNLESS SUCH PERSON IS AT ALL TIMES PERSONALLY ACCOMPANIED BY, AND IN VOICE AND REASONABLE VISUAL CONTACT WITH, A PERSON EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHO HOLDS A VALID HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATE OR WHO WAS BORN BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1949. ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION (3.5) IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION THEREOF, SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE OF FIFTY DOLLARS AND AN ASSESSMENT OF FIVE LICENSE SUSPENSION POINTS.

(4) It is unlawful for any person under ~~fourteen~~ TWELVE years of age to HUNT OR take big game, and it is unlawful for persons between the ages of ~~fourteen~~ TWELVE and ~~eighteen~~ FIFTEEN years of age to HUNT OR take big game ~~unless~~ WITH A YOUTH BIG GAME LICENSE EXCEPT WHEN AT ALL TIMES PERSONALLY accompanied by, AND IN VOICE AND REASONABLE VISUAL CONTACT WITH, a person eighteen years of age or older WHO HOLDS A VALID HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATE OR WHO WAS BORN BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1949. Any person who violates this subsection (4) is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of fifty dollars and an assessment of ten license suspension points.

(6) Any person ~~fifteen~~ SIXTEEN years of age or over who fishes for OR TAKES fish, amphibians, mollusks, or crustaceans in this state shall have a proper and valid fishing license on his OR HER person. Persons under ~~fifteen~~ SIXTEEN years of age are not required to have a fishing license but shall be entitled to only one-half the bag or possession limit set by the commission. Any person who violates this subsection (6) is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of fifty dollars and an assessment of ten license suspension points.

SECTION 5. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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