

A bill for an act

relating to game and fish; establishing a master bear guide license; requiring rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97B.431; Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 97A.475, subdivision 16.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 97A.475, subdivision 16, is amended to read:

Subd. 16. **Resident hunting guides.** (a) The fee for a resident license to guide bear hunters is \$82.50 and is available only to a Minnesota resident individual.

(b) The fee for a resident master bear hunting guide license is \$330.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97B.431, is amended to read:

97B.431 BEAR HUNTING GUIDES.

(a) A person may not place bait for bear, or guide hunters to take bear, for compensation without a bear hunting guide license. A bear hunting guide is not required to have a license to take bear unless the guide is attempting to shoot a bear. The commissioner shall adopt rules for qualifications for issuance and administration of the licenses.

(b) The commissioner shall establish a resident master bear hunting guide license under which one person serves as the bear hunting guide and three other individuals are eligible to guide and bait bear. The commissioner shall adopt rules for qualifications for issuance and administration of the licenses.