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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2775

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to game and fish; providing an exception from certain apprentice-hunter
1.3 validation restrictions for persons with certain disabilities; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2016, section 97B.022, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97B.022, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. Apprentice-hunter-validation requirements. (a) A resident or nonresident
1.8 born after December 31, 1979, who is age 12 or over and who does not possess a hunter
1.9 education firearms safety certificate may be issued an apprentice-hunter validation. Except
1.10 as provided under subdivision 3, an apprentice-hunter validation may be purchased two
1.11 license years in a lifetime and used to obtain hunting licenses during the same license year
1.12 that the validation is purchased.

1.13 (b) An individual in possession of an apprentice-hunter validation may hunt small game,
1.14 deer, and bear only when accompanied by an adult who has a valid license to hunt the same
1.15 species of game in Minnesota and whose license was not obtained using an apprentice-hunter
1.16 validation.

1.17 (c) When an individual in possession of an apprentice-hunter validation is hunting turkey
1.18 or prairie chicken under paragraph (b), the accompanying adult may be licensed for another
1.19 permit area or time period but must be licensed for the same season as the apprentice hunter.
1.20 If the accompanying adult is not licensed for the same permit area or time period as the
1.21 apprentice hunter, the accompanying adult may not shoot or possess a firearm or bow while
1.22 accompanying the apprentice hunter under this paragraph.

1.23 (d) An apprentice-hunter-validation holder must obtain all required licenses and stamps.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97B.022, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.2 read:

2.3 Subd. 3. **Persons with developmental disabilities.** A person diagnosed with a
2.4 developmental disability or a related condition as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 9525.0016,
2.5 subpart 2, items A to E, may purchase and be issued an apprentice-hunter validation for
2.6 more than two license years if the remaining requirements under subdivision 2 are met.