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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **4022**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Mining and Outdoor Recreation Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; permitting persons 11 years old to receive firearms
1.3 safety certificates valid for hunting; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section
1.4 97B.015, subdivision 5.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97B.015, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5. **Firearms safety certificate.** The commissioner shall issue a firearms safety
1.8 certificate to a person that satisfactorily completes the required course of instruction. A
1.9 person must be at least age 11 to take the firearms safety course and ~~may~~ receive a firearms
1.10 safety certificate, ~~but the certificate is not valid for hunting until the year the person~~
1.11 ~~reaches age 12. A person who is age 11 and has a firearms safety certificate may purchase~~
1.12 ~~a license to take big game that will be valid for hunting during the entire regular season~~
1.13 ~~for which the license is valid if the person will reach age 12 during that calendar year. A~~
1.14 ~~firearms safety certificate issued to a person under age 12 by another state as provided in~~
1.15 ~~section 97B.020 is not valid for hunting in Minnesota until the person reaches age 12. The~~
1.16 form and content of the firearms safety certificate shall be prescribed by the commissioner.