

SENATE BILL No. 177

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 14-22-11-1.

Synopsis: Youth exception to hunting license requirement. Creates an exception to the hunting license requirement for an individual who is less than 13 years of age, does not possess a bow or firearm, and is accompanying an adult who holds a valid hunting license. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared for the natural resources study commission.)

Effective: July 1, 1998.

Wheeler

January 6, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.



Introduced

Second Regular Session 110th General Assembly (1998)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1997 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 14-22-11-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.139-1997,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 1. (a) An individual may not take or chase, with
4 or without dogs, a wild animal without having a license, except as
5 follows:
6 (1) An individual who is a resident or nonresident of Indiana
7 while participating in a field trial that has been sanctioned by the
8 director is not required to possess a license while participating in
9 the trial.
10 (2) Subject to subsection (c), an owner of farmland located in
11 Indiana who is a resident or nonresident of Indiana and the spouse
12 and children living with the owner may hunt, fish, and trap
13 without a license on the land that the owner owns.
14 (3) A lessee of farmland who farms that land and is a resident of
15 Indiana and the spouse and children living with the lessee may
16 hunt, fish, and trap without a license on the leased land. This
17 subdivision does not apply to land that is:



- 1 (A) owned, leased, or controlled by; and
2 (B) leased from;
3 the department.
4 **(4) An individual who:**
5 **(A) is less than thirteen (13) years of age;**
6 **(B) does not possess a bow or firearm; and**
7 **(C) is accompanying an individual who:**
8 **(i) is at least eighteen (18) years of age; and**
9 **(ii) holds a valid license;**
10 **may chase a wild animal without having a license.**
11 (b) The exceptions provided in this section do not apply to a
12 commercial license issued under this article.
13 (c) The right of a nonresident who owns farmland in Indiana (and
14 of the spouse and children who reside with the nonresident) to hunt,
15 fish, and trap on the farmland without a license under subsection (a)(2)
16 is subject to the following conditions:
17 (1) The nonresident may hunt, fish, and trap on the farmland
18 without a license only if the state in which the nonresident resides
19 allows residents of Indiana who own land in that state to hunt,
20 fish, and trap on their land without a license.
21 (2) While hunting, fishing, or trapping on the farmland, the
22 nonresident must keep proof that the nonresident owns the
23 farmland (for example, a tax receipt identifying the nonresident
24 as owner) in a place where the proof is readily accessible by the
25 nonresident.

