

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0235

Mentor small game and game bird hunting.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Miller, Allen, Jennings,  
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## A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing an exception to  
2 the hunter safety certificate requirement for hunting small  
3 game and game birds with a mentor; specifying requirements;  
4 providing rulemaking authority; and providing for an  
5 effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-2-106(a), (c) and by creating a  
10 new subsection (e) is amended to read:

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12 **23-2-106. Hunter safety; exception.**

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14 (a) Except as provided in subsections (c) ~~and~~ (d)  
15 and (e) of this section, no person born on or after January

1 1, 1966, may take any wildlife by the use of firearms on  
2 land other than that of his own family, unless the person  
3 possesses or can demonstrate they have obtained a  
4 certificate of competency and safety in the use and  
5 handling of firearms as provided by subsection (b) of this  
6 section.

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8 (c) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this  
9 section, a person who has not received a certificate of  
10 competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms  
11 as provided by subsection (b) of this section may apply to  
12 the department for a special authorization to take wildlife  
13 with the use of a firearm while being accompanied by a  
14 person who has attained the age of majority, acting as a  
15 mentor, who possesses or can demonstrate he has obtained a  
16 certificate of competency and safety in the use and  
17 handling of firearms and who possesses a valid Wyoming  
18 hunting license. A mentor shall not provide supervision  
19 for more than one (1) person, other than immediate family  
20 members, at a time in the field. The special authorization  
21 shall be valid for not more than one (1) year. Nothing in  
22 this subsection shall be construed as altering the  
23 requirements of W.S. 23-2-102(a). The commission shall

1 promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the purposes  
2 of this subsection and subsection (e) of this section.

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4 (e) A person under fourteen (14) years of age who has  
5 not yet received a certificate of competency and safety in  
6 the use and handling of firearms may take small game and  
7 game birds without receiving special authorization from the  
8 department under subsection (c) of this section while being  
9 accompanied by a person who has attained the age of  
10 majority, acting as a mentor, who possesses or can  
11 demonstrate he has obtained a certificate of competency and  
12 safety in the use and handling of firearms and who  
13 possesses a valid Wyoming small game or game bird license.  
14 A mentor shall not provide supervision for more than one  
15 (1) person, other than immediate family members, at a time  
16 in the field and shall not carry a firearm while providing  
17 supervision.

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19 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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