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Prime Sponsor: Miller

Catch Title: Mentor small game and game bird hunting.

Subject: Youth hunting with a mentor.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Current Wyoming law requires an individual to apply to the Game and Fish Department for special authorization to hunt without a certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms (hunter safety certificate).
- This bill allows a person under the age of fourteen to hunt small game and game birds without a hunter safety certificate or special authorization from the Department if accompanied by a mentor.
- The bill provides requirements as to who may mentor youth hunting under this new provision. Mentors must be over the age of eighteen and possess a hunter safety certificate (unless otherwise exempt) and a valid Wyoming small game or game bird license. Mentors are not allowed to supervise more than one youth at a time unless the youth are immediate family members.

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