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PRESENT: Ronzone, Homer, Dreyer, Olsen

ABSENT: May, Smith, Fry

OTHERS: Glen Griffith and Bill Parsons from the Fish and Game Department

Chairman Ronzone called the meeting to order at 8:10 A.M. for the purpose of considering all the bills that remain to be acted upon that have been referred to this committee.

A.B. 265 "Requires hunter safety training before obtaining hunting licenses."

Dr. Homer explained that the classed would be conducted by an authorized person in the county qualified to teach the handling of firearms.

Mr. Griffith said a Mr. Cheek who heads the training program in Washington, D.C. was here to help modify this bill to make it more workable. (See attachment). If this bill goes through, no one over 16 will be able to hunt after 1973 if they have not taken this training.

Chairman Ronzone asked how the Department could guarantee that these classes will be given to the people. Mr. Griffith said it is a problem because there are no funds. Mr. Olsen said he felt sure there will be some sportsmen who will help. Mr. Griffith agreed although he foresaw a problem in the small areas. He added that they had tried to do this in the schools but it was impossible because so much money was needed for workshops. Dr. Homer said there will always be some dedicated people in these small areas who will help if the program is available.

Mr. Griffith said this program would begin immediately but would not become mandatory until 1973. He said a certificate would be issued upon completion of the course.

Mr. Olsen moved A.B. 265 be passed as amended. Mr. Dreyer seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Griffith said this was mainly a gun safety course but consideration of the cut-of-doors will also be taught. Mr. Olsen said he could see this being a multi-purpose project for the entire State as well as to the individual.

A.B. 396 "Extensively amends fish and game license, tag and permit provisions, and hunting, fishing, and trapping laws." Mr. Parsons once again went over the proposed amendments to this bill. The committee was in favor of these proposed amendments. Mrs. Brookman proposed changing the residency of retired people from 20 years to 5 years at a previous meeting. Mr. Griffith said this would cost quite a lot by reducing the Department's income. Chairman Ronzone said the bill will be held until the next meeting when Mrs. Brookman can be present. Dr. Homer added that the dollar amount change Mrs. Brookman had previously proposed would not affect the Department as much as the 5-year residency instead of 20 years. He wondered if perhaps a compromise of 10 years could be made.

A.B. 399 "Extensively amends administration and enforcement provisions of fish and game laws." Mr. Parsons said this again removed the requirement to have a license to hunt any species. Chairman Ronzone felt the bill had some problems. Dr. Homer said if these people are to be put on early retirement, the bill will never pass. You can give them the power of peace officers but not early retirement. The committee decided the proposed deletion of Section 8, Page 3, Lines 32 - 36 must remain included in the bill. Mr. Dreyer moved that after this is done, to do pass the bill as amended. Dr. Homer seconded. Motion carried.

A.B. 650 "Provides that permissive use of premises for hunting, fishing, similar purposes, does not vest property rights or easements in user." Dr. Homer moved to indefinitely postpone this bill. Mr. Olsen seconded. Motion carried.

A.B. 397 "Clarifies regulation of guide services by State Board of Fish and Game Commissioners" was not passed but A.B. 514, a similar bill, will be passed as amended according to the minutes of March 2.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 A.M.

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SUMMARY--Requires hunter safety training before obtaining hunting licenses.  
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 45-467)

AN ACT relating to hunting licenses; requiring certain persons to take a hunting safety course before receiving a hunting license; providing for hunter safety training; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 502 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act.

SEC. 2. 1. On and after July 1, 1973, no hunting license shall be issued to any person under the age of 21 unless he presents to the department, or one of its authorized license agents, either:

(a) Satisfactory proof that he has held a hunting license issued by a department of fish and game; or

(b) A certificate of competency as provided by section 3 of this act; or

(c) Satisfactory proof that he has successfully passed a hunter safety gun-training course, or he has successfully completed other training equivalent to that provided in section 3 of this act for a certificate of competency.

2. On and after July 1, 1973, all persons 16 years of age and under, otherwise eligible to be licensed, upon applying for any hunting license in this state, must present a certificate of competency.

SEC. 3. The department shall ~~provide~~ certify instructors who will, on a voluntary basis and with the cooperation of the department, give instruction in the course of safe firearm handling established by the department to all eligible persons who, upon the successful completion of such course, shall be issued a certificate of competency in firearms handling.

SEC. 4. The commission may establish a fee not to exceed \$2 to be assessed each person obtaining instruction in the safe handling of firearms. Such funds shall be deposited in the fish and game fund to be expended to cover costs of instruction.

SEC. 5. It is unlawful to issue or receive a hunting license in violation of section 2 of this act.

SEC. 6. The commission may exempt nonresidents from the provisions of sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act.

ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Date MARCH 23, 1971 Time A.M. Recess Room 222

Bills or Resolutions  
to be considered

Subject

Counsel  
requested\*

A.B. 396

Extensively amends fish and game license, tag, and permit  
provisions, and hunting, fishing, and trapping laws.

A.B. 442 (Pass as Amended)

Establishes title system for motorboats.

A.B. 451

Changes regulation of zoos in certain counties from State  
to county.


\*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

HEARINGS PENDING

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