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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; designating a permit to carry as equivalent to a firearms
1.3 safety certificate for hunting; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97B.020.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97B.020, is amended to read:

1.6 **97B.020 FIREARMS SAFETY CERTIFICATE REQUIRED.**

1.7 (a) Except as provided in this section and section 97A.451, subdivisions 3 and 3b, a
1.8 person born after December 31, 1979, may not obtain an annual license to take wild animals
1.9 by firearms unless the person has:

1.10 (1) a firearms safety certificate or equivalent certificate;

1.11 (2) a driver's license or identification card with a valid firearms safety qualification
1.12 indicator issued under section 171.07, subdivision 13;

1.13 (3) a previous hunting license with a valid firearms safety qualification indicator;

1.14 (4) an apprentice-hunter validation issued under section 97B.022; or

1.15 (5) other evidence indicating that the person has completed in this state or in another
1.16 state a hunter safety course recognized by the department under a reciprocity agreement or
1.17 certified by the department as substantially similar.

1.18 (b) A person who is on active duty and has successfully completed basic training in the
1.19 United States armed forces, reserve component, or National Guard may obtain a hunting
1.20 license or approval authorizing hunting regardless of whether the person is issued a firearms
1.21 safety certificate.

2.1 (c) A person born after December 31, 1979, may not use a lifetime license to take wild
2.2 animals by firearms, unless the person meets the requirements for obtaining an annual
2.3 license under paragraph (a) or (b).

2.4 (d) A permit to carry under section 624.714 is an equivalent certificate to a firearms
2.5 safety certificate under paragraph (a), clause (1).