

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**NINETIETH SESSION**

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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to game and fish; prohibiting first aid or CPR training requirements for  
1.3 bear-hunting guides; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97B.431.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97B.431, is amended to read:

1.6 **97B.431 BEAR-HUNTING OUTFITTERS.**

1.7 (a) A person may not place bait for bear, or guide hunters to take bear, for compensation  
1.8 without a bear-hunting-outfitter license. A bear-hunting outfitter is not required to have a  
1.9 license to take bear unless the outfitter is attempting to shoot a bear. The commissioner  
1.10 shall adopt rules for qualifications for issuance and administration of the licenses.

1.11 (b) The commissioner shall establish a resident master bear-hunting-outfitter license  
1.12 under which one person serves as the bear-hunting outfitter and one other person is eligible  
1.13 to guide and bait bear. Additional persons may be added to the license and are eligible to  
1.14 guide and bait bear under the license, provided the additional fee under section 97A.475,  
1.15 subdivision 16, is paid for each person added. The commissioner shall adopt rules for  
1.16 qualifications for issuance and administration of the licenses. The commissioner must not  
1.17 require a person to have certification or training in first aid or CPR to be eligible for a license  
1.18 under this section.