

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 403

Approved by the Governor April 5, 1991

Introduced by Morrissey, 1

AN ACT relating to game and parks; to amend section 37-102, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1990; to provide for a bow hunter education program; to require a certificate of competency for bow and arrow hunting as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. (1) The commission shall establish and administer a bow hunter education program consisting of a minimum of six hours of instruction in the safe and ethical handling of bow hunting equipment. When establishing such a program, the commission shall train volunteers as nonpaid bow hunter education training instructors. The commission shall issue a certificate of competency to any person who satisfactorily completes a bow hunter education program established by the commission and shall print, purchase, or otherwise acquire materials necessary for effective program operation. The commission shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for carrying out and administering such program.

(2) On and after January 1, 1993, a person born on or after January 1, 1977, may be issued a permit for bow and arrow hunting pursuant to section 37-215, 37-215.02, or 37-227 only if such person has completed the bow hunter education program and received the certificate of competency. Such permit may be issued to a nonresident applicant who possesses a valid certificate of competency or its equivalent issued by any state which has a program recognized and accredited by the commission.

Sec. 2. That section 37-102, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1990, be amended to read as follows:

37-102. Sections 37-101 to 37-726 and 37-1401 to 37-1408 and section 1 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Game Law.

Sec. 3. That original section 37-102, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1990, is repealed.