Proposed Resolution #E
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Submitted by: Mike Thorman, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation
Proposed: September 17, 2022 Policy Board Meeting
Title: Apprentice License for Special Needs Individuals

1. **WHEREAS:** The apprentice hunting license requires an apprentice hunter to be within arms
2. reach of a licensed parent or guardian, or a 21 year old licensed hunter approved by the parent
3. or guardian; and,
4. **WHEREAS:** The apprentice license is no cheaper than traditional hunting licenses; and,
5. **WHEREAS:** Currently an apprentice hunter can only hunt on an apprentice license for two
6. years before they are required to take hunters safety to continue hunting; and,
7. **WHEREAS:** The purpose of hunters safety is to prepare an individual to hunt safely alone; and,
8. **WHEREAS:** There are anecdotal reports of large numbers of hunters safety instructors leaving
9. the program statewide; and,
10. **WHEREAS:** This has led to prospective students having a hard time finding a class they are
11. able to take, particularly in rural areas; and,
12. **WHEREAS:** The number of hunters nationwide is decreasing rapidly; and,
13. **WHEREAS:** We have a responsibility as conservationists to ensure the next generation
14. continues to have hunting opportunities; and,
15. **WHEREAS:** Special needs individuals exist that can perform the physical requirements of
16. hunting with assistance but lack the capacity to pass a written hunters safety test; and,
17. **WHEREAS:** These hunters will always require assistance when in the field; and,
18. **WHEREAS:** Currently there exists no mechanism for such an individual to continue hunting past
19. the two years on an apprentice license; NOW,
20. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That MUCC advocates for the removal of the two year
21. apprentice license limit for special needs individuals who cannot pass a hunters safety test, as
22. signed off on by an appropriate medical professional, allowing these hunters to hunt legally
23. under an apprentice license indefinitely.