

Proposed Resolution #B
Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Mike Thorman, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation
Proposed: December 3, 2022 Policy Board Meeting
Title: Extension of Apprentice Hunting License Timeline

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:** Some individuals may choose to hunt alone for a longer period of time, preferring
16. instead to hunt with significant others, friends, or other family members; NOW,
17. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That MUCC advocates for allowing Michigan's hunters to
18. hunt legally under an apprentice license for five years.