

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 three years if they take at least the online hunter
19. safety education program in the first two years to provide a provisional certificate until the hunter
20. safety in-person field portion can be completed.