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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill would exempt soldiers and veterans who have successfully completed basic military training, as well as licensed peace officers, from the field and shooting exercise requirement for firearm safety certification as a prerequisite for obtaining a hunting license. In addition, it would provide a broader, temporary exemption for current and recent soldiers who have completed basic training, by exempting them from the requirement to have a firearms safety certificate in order to purchase a hunting license.

#### Section

- 1 Firearm safety certificate; military and police exempted.** Exempts persons who have successfully completed basic military training, as well as licensed peace officers, from the *shooting and range requirement (only)* of the natural resource department's (DNR) firearm safety certification process, which is a requirement for purchasing a hunting license in Minnesota.  
  
The *classroom portion* of the firearms safety training course is not exempted. The legislation directs the DNR to publicly announce that such classroom training is available online at the department's website for adults wishing to become certified.
- 2 Temporary exemption from certificate; soldiers and veterans.** Exempts persons serving in active military service, as well as persons released or discharged from active military service within the past year, from the requirement to have a firearms safety certificate in order to purchase a hunting license.
- 3 Crossreference for soldiers and veterans.** Adds a crossreference to Chapter 197, to

- 4 facilitate soldiers and veterans seeking information on hunting license requirements.  
**Effective date.** Effective the day following final enactment.