

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1254**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Tom Berryhill**

February 27, 2009

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An act to amend Section 3051 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to hunting.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1254, as introduced, Tom Berryhill. Hunter education courses: minimum hours.

Existing law requires the Department of Fish and Game to provide a course of instruction in hunter education, principles of conservation, and sportsmanship. Existing law authorizes the department, for that purpose, to cooperate with any reputable association or organization having as one of its objectives the promotion of hunter safety, principles of conservation, and sportsmanship.

This bill would require that course to consist of a minimum of 16 hours of instruction.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 3051 of the Fish and Game Code is  
2 amended to read:  
3 3051. (a) The department shall provide for a course of  
4 instruction in hunter education, principles of conservation, and  
5 sportsmanship, and for this purpose may cooperate with any  
6 reputable association or organization having as one of its objectives

1 the promotion of hunter safety, principles of conservation, and  
2 sportsmanship. *The hunter education course shall consist of a*  
3 *minimum of 16 hours of instruction.*

4 (b) The department may designate as a hunter education  
5 instructor any person found by it to be competent to give instruction  
6 in the courses required in this article. A person so appointed shall  
7 give that course of instruction, and, upon completion thereof, shall  
8 issue to the person instructed a certificate of completion as provided  
9 by the department in hunter safety, principles of conservation, and  
10 sportsmanship.

11 (c) The department shall prescribe a minimum level of skill and  
12 knowledge to be required of all hunter education instructors, and  
13 may limit the number of students per instructor in all required  
14 classes.

15 (d) The department may revoke the certificate of any instructor  
16 when, in the opinion of the department, it is in the best interest of  
17 the state to do so.