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Title: Youth Hunting Opportunity Expansion

The Problem:

Each year the number of new hunters taking up the sport is less than the number of hunter retiring and as a result, Wisconsin is losing hunters. The problem is aggravated by the fact that all surrounding states allow youth under the age of twelve (12) to participate in the hunting sports.

At present, state law does not permit youth under twelve (12) years of age to actively participate as a licensed hunter.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in La Crosse County on April 13, 2009 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department of Natural Resources and the Wisconsin State Legislature to take action to correct this situation by introducing legislative changes allowing for youth under the age of twelve (12) to actively participate in the states hunting activities as licensed hunters.

given that they have passed hunter safety and that youth under 12 be within arms length of an adult mentor.

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