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COMMISSIONER

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MEMORANDUM

TO: “Taylor’s Law” Applicants
FROM: Special Permit Unit
SUBJECT: Instructions for completing “Taylors Law” Application

This memo is in reference to meeting requirements for a “Taylor’s Law Exemption” as provided for by Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 27-2-4.3. Attached is a copy of the law's provisions and requirements and an application form, which you must complete and return to the Law Enforcement Division – Special Permit Unit, in Social Circle. The following information must be provided fully for each item on the form:

1. Include complete name, date of birth and mailing address for the participating youth.
2. Applicant must attest that the hunter requesting the exemption has a terminal illness as defined in 27-2-4.3(a).
3. Check the applicable boxes for the specific waivers requested to include antler restrictions, quota restrictions, hunter education requirements and legal weapon requirements.
4. List the landowner of the property where the hunt will take place and include physical address and contact information for the landowner.
5. List the species that are being requested to hunt as well as weapons requested.

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Law Enforcement Division
Special Permit Unit
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“Taylors Law” Hunting Exemption Request
(Use attachments if more space is needed)

1. Hunter name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Email _____

Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Telephone # _____ Cell # _____

2. Address or location where proposed hunting activity is to be conducted:

County _____

Landowner Name _____ Telephone # _____

3. Requested weapon authorization (check all that apply):

Center fire Rifle/Handgun Rim fire Rifle/Handgun Archery Tackle Other _____

4. Requested law/rule/regulation waiver (check all that apply):

Quota Selection Antler Restrictions Hunter Education License Requirements

Other _____

5. I give permission for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to publish, store, and use photographs taken during hunts under the provisions of “Taylors Law.” Yes (initials) _____ No (initials) _____

6. Species to be hunted: _____

7. Supervising Hunter Contact Information: Name: _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Contact Information: _____

By signing below, I hereby attest that the hunter listed above has been diagnosed by a doctor of medicine currently licensed to practice either by the Georgia Composite Medical Board or the State Board of Examiners in Osteopathy with a terminal illness as defined by OCGA 27-2-4.3(a). I also hereby attest that I am the parent or legal guardian of the hunter listed above with full authority to act on his/her behalf in this matter.

O.C.G.A. § 16-10-20: “A person who knowingly and willingly makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement...in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of state government...shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$1000 or by imprisonment for not less than one or more than five years, or both.”

_____/_____
Signature of Applicant (in ink) Date

Relationship to Hunter

§ 27-2-4.3. Special hunting privileges for young people with a terminal illness

(a) As used in this Code section, the term "terminal illness" means an incurable or irreversible condition with a corresponding life expectancy that does not exceed 12 months.

(b) The commissioner is authorized to issue special authorization to hunt big game or alligators to any person not older than 21 years of age who has been diagnosed with a terminal illness by a doctor of medicine currently licensed to practice either by the Georgia Composite Medical Board or the State Board of Examiners in Osteopathy. Such special authorization may include waiving legal weapons requirements, antler restrictions, quota limitations, or hunter education requirements as necessary to facilitate special situations for persons with a terminal illness. The commissioner may impose any terms and conditions deemed necessary to implement the special authorization. Such authorization shall be for only one hunting season.

(c) The commissioner may prepare an application to be used by persons requesting special authorization and may require signed documentation from a doctor of medicine currently licensed to practice either by the Georgia Composite Medical Board or the State Board of Examiners in Osteopathy verifying that an applicant has a terminal illness.

(d) A person who receives special authorization to hunt under this Code section shall conduct all hunting under the direct supervision of a licensed adult hunter and abide by the terms and conditions of the special authorization issued by the commissioner.