

**SB0709**



**100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2017 and 2018**

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Introduced 1/30/2017, by Sen. Neil Anderson

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

520 ILCS 5/2.30

from Ch. 61, par. 2.30

Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to trap or to hunt with gun, dog, dog and gun, or bow and arrow, gray fox, red fox, raccoon, weasel, mink, muskrat, badger, bobcat, and opossum except during the open season which will be set annually by the Director to start between 12:01 a.m., November 1 and 12:00 midnight on November 10, and close no earlier than 12:00 midnight on February 15 but not later than 12:00 midnight on March 31, with start and close dates both inclusive (rather than between 12:01 a.m., November 1 to 12:00 midnight February 15, both inclusive). Deletes a provision providing that the season limit for river otter shall not exceed 5 river otters per person per season. Provides that any person who violates the provisions of the Section, including administrative rules, shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

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**A BILL FOR**

1 AN ACT concerning wildlife.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing Section  
5 2.30 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/2.30) (from Ch. 61, par. 2.30)  
7 Sec. 2.30.

8 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to trap or to hunt  
9 with gun, dog, dog and gun, or bow and arrow, gray fox, red  
10 fox, raccoon, weasel, mink, muskrat, badger, bobcat, and  
11 opossum except during the open season which will be set  
12 annually by the Director to start between 12:01 a.m., November  
13 1 and 12:00 midnight on November 10, and close no earlier than  
14 12:00 midnight on ~~to 12:00 midnight,~~ February 15 but not later  
15 than 12:00 midnight on March 31, with start and close dates  
16 both inclusive, except as provided in subsections (e) and (f)  
17 of this Section.

18 (b) It is unlawful to pursue any fur-bearing mammal with a  
19 dog or dogs between the hours of sunset and sunrise during the  
20 10 day period preceding the opening date of the raccoon hunting  
21 season and the 10 day period following the closing date of the  
22 raccoon hunting season except that the Department may issue  
23 field trial permits in accordance with Section 2.34 of this

1 Act. A non-resident from a state with more restrictive  
2 fur-bearer pursuit regulations for any particular species than  
3 provided for that species in this Act may not pursue that  
4 species in Illinois except during the period of time that  
5 Illinois residents are allowed to pursue that species in the  
6 non-resident's state of residence. Hound running areas  
7 approved by the Department shall be exempt from the provisions  
8 of this Section.

9 (c) It shall be unlawful to take beaver, river otter,  
10 weasel, mink, or muskrat except during the open season set  
11 annually by the Director, and then, only with traps, except  
12 that a firearm, pistol, or airgun of a caliber not larger than  
13 a .22 long rifle may be used to remove the animal from the  
14 trap.

15 (d) It shall be unlawful for any person to trap beaver or  
16 river otter with traps except during the open season which will  
17 be set annually by the Director between 12:01 a.m., November  
18 1st and 12:00 midnight, March 31, both inclusive.

19 (e) Coyote may be taken by trapping methods only during the  
20 period from September 1 to March 31 ~~±~~, both inclusive, and by  
21 hunting methods at any time.

22 (f) Striped skunk may be taken by trapping methods only  
23 during the period from September 1 to March 31 ~~±~~, both  
24 inclusive, and by hunting methods at any time.

25 (g) Muskrat may be taken by trapping methods during an open  
26 season set annually by the Director.

1       (h) For the purpose of taking fur-bearing mammals, the  
2 State may be divided into management zones by administrative  
3 rule.

4       (i) It shall be unlawful to take or possess more than the  
5 season limit or possession limit of fur-bearing mammals that  
6 shall be set annually by the Director. ~~The season limit for~~  
7 ~~river otter shall not exceed 5 river otters per person per~~  
8 ~~season.~~ The season limit for bobcat shall not exceed one bobcat  
9 per permit. Possession limits shall not apply to fur buyers,  
10 tanners, manufacturers, and taxidermists, as defined by this  
11 Act, who possess fur-bearing mammals in accordance with laws  
12 governing such activities.

13       (j) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the taking or  
14 possessing of fur-bearing mammals found dead or  
15 unintentionally killed by a vehicle along a roadway during the  
16 open season provided the person who possesses such fur-bearing  
17 mammals has all appropriate licenses, stamps, or permits; the  
18 season for which the species possessed is open; and that such  
19 possession and disposal of such fur-bearing mammals is  
20 otherwise subject to the provisions of this Section.

21       (k) The provisions of this Section are subject to  
22 modification by administrative rule, except subsections (a),  
23 (e), and (f) of this Section.

24       (l) Any person who violates the provisions of this Section,  
25 including administrative rules, shall be guilty of a Class B  
26 misdemeanor.

1 (Source: P.A. 98-463, eff. 8-16-13; 98-924, eff. 8-15-14;  
2 99-33, eff. 1-1-16.)