



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

520 ILCS 5/2.30 from Ch. 61, par. 2.30
520 ILCS 5/2.30b
520 ILCS 5/2.30c

Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to trap bobcat in this State at any time. Provides that no person shall knowingly sell, offer for sale, or purchase a bobcat pelt of a bobcat taken in this State. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.

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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
5 Sections 2.30, 2.30b, and 2.30c as follows:

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

7 Sec. 2.30. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, it
8 ~~It~~ shall be unlawful for any person to trap or to hunt with
9 gun, dog, dog and gun, or bow and arrow, gray fox, red fox,
10 raccoon, weasel, mink, muskrat, badger, bobcat, and opossum
11 except during the open season which will be set annually by the
12 Director between 12:01 a.m., November 1 to 12:00 midnight,
13 February 15, both inclusive.

14 It shall be unlawful for any person to trap bobcat in this
15 State at any time.

16 It is unlawful to pursue any fur-bearing mammal with a dog
17 or dogs between the hours of sunset and sunrise during the 10
18 day period preceding the opening date of the raccoon hunting
19 season and the 10 day period following the closing date of the
20 raccoon hunting season except that the Department may issue
21 field trial permits in accordance with Section 2.34 of this
22 Act. A non-resident from a state with more restrictive
23 fur-bearer pursuit regulations for any particular species than

1 provided for that species in this Act may not pursue that
2 species in Illinois except during the period of time that
3 Illinois residents are allowed to pursue that species in the
4 non-resident's state of residence. Hound running areas
5 approved by the Department shall be exempt from the provisions
6 of this Section.

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

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

16 Coyote may be taken by trapping methods only during the
17 period from September 1 to March 1, both inclusive, and by
18 hunting methods at any time.

19 Striped skunk may be taken by trapping methods only during
20 the period from September 1 to March 1, both inclusive, and by
21 hunting methods at any time.

22 Muskrat may be taken by trapping methods during an open
23 season set annually by the Director.

24 For the purpose of taking fur-bearing mammals, the State
25 may be divided into management zones by administrative rule.

26 It shall be unlawful to take or possess more than the

1 season limit or possession limit of fur-bearing mammals that
2 shall be set annually by the Director. The season limit for
3 river otter shall not exceed 5 river otters per person per
4 season. The season limit for bobcat shall not exceed one bobcat
5 per permit. Possession limits shall not apply to fur buyers,
6 tanners, manufacturers, and taxidermists, as defined by this
7 Act, who possess fur-bearing mammals in accordance with laws
8 governing such activities.

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

17 The provisions of this Section are subject to modification
18 by administrative rule.

19 (Source: P.A. 98-463, eff. 8-16-13; 98-924, eff. 8-15-14;
20 99-33, eff. 1-1-16.)

21 (520 ILCS 5/2.30b)

22 Sec. 2.30b. River otter and bobcat pelts.

23 (a) The pelts of river otters and bobcats shall be tagged
24 in accordance with federal regulation 50 CFR 23.69(e). The
25 Department may require harvest registration and set forth

1 procedures, fees for registration, and the process of tagging
2 pelts in administrative rules. Fees for registration and
3 tagging shall not exceed \$5 per pelt.

4 (b) No person shall knowingly sell, offer for sale, or
5 purchase a bobcat pelt of a bobcat taken in this State.

6 (Source: P.A. 99-33, eff. 1-1-16.)

7 (520 ILCS 5/2.30c)

8 Sec. 2.30c. Bobcat hunting ~~and trapping~~ permit; fee. Before
9 any person may lawfully hunt ~~or trap~~ a bobcat, he or she shall
10 first obtain a "Bobcat Hunting ~~and Trapping~~ Permit" in
11 accordance with regulations set forth in an administrative rule
12 of the Department. The fee for a Bobcat Hunting ~~and Trapping~~
13 Permit, if any, shall not exceed \$5. The Department may limit
14 the number of Bobcat Hunting ~~and Trapping~~ Permits that are made
15 available each season and take other actions to regulate
16 harvest in accordance with Sections 1.3 and 2.30 of this Act.
17 The harvest of bobcats in this State shall be non-detrimental,
18 as defined by federal regulations (50 CFR 23.61), and as
19 determined by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in
20 accordance with 50 CFR 23.69.

21 (Source: P.A. 99-33, eff. 1-1-16.)

22 Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act are
23 severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.