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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 6

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 6 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing  
5 Sections 2.30 and 2.33a as follows:

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

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

13 It is unlawful for any person to take bobcat or river otter  
14 in this State at any time.

15 It is unlawful to pursue any fur-bearing mammal with a dog  
16 or dogs between the hours of sunset and sunrise during the 10

1 day period preceding the opening date of the raccoon hunting  
2 season and the 10 day period following the closing date of the  
3 raccoon hunting season except that the Department may issue  
4 field trial permits in accordance with Section 2.34 of this  
5 Act. A non-resident from a state with more restrictive  
6 fur-bearer pursuit regulations for any particular species than  
7 provided for that species in this Act may not pursue that  
8 species in Illinois except during the period of time that  
9 Illinois residents are allowed to pursue that species in the  
10 non-resident's state of residence. Hound running areas  
11 approved by the Department shall be exempt from the provisions  
12 of this Section.

13 It shall be unlawful to take beaver, weasel, mink or  
14 muskrat except during the open season set annually by the  
15 Director, and then, only with traps.

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

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

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

26 Muskrat may be taken by trapping methods during an open

1 season set annually by the Director.

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

4 The provisions of this Section are subject to modification  
5 by administrative rule.

6 (Source: P.A. 95-196, eff. 1-1-08.)

7 (520 ILCS 5/2.33a) (from Ch. 61, par. 2.33a)

8 Sec. 2.33a. Trapping.

9 (a) It is unlawful to fail to visit and remove all animals  
10 from traps staked out, set, used, tended, placed or maintained  
11 at least once each calendar day.

12 (b) It is unlawful for any person to place, set, use, or  
13 maintain a leghold trap or one of similar construction on land,  
14 that has a jaw spread of larger than 6 1/2 inches (16.6 CM), or  
15 a body-gripping trap or one of similar construction having a  
16 jaw spread larger than 7 inches (17.8 CM) on a side if square  
17 and 8 inches (20.4 CM) if round;

18 (c) It is unlawful for any person to place, set, use, or  
19 maintain a leghold trap or one of similar construction in  
20 water, that has a jaw spread of larger than 7 1/2 inches (19.1  
21 CM), or a body-gripping trap or one of similar construction  
22 having a jaw spread larger than 10 inches (25.4 CM) on a side  
23 if square and 12 inches (30.5 CM) if round;

24 (d) It is unlawful to use any trap with saw-toothed,  
25 spiked, or toothed jaws;

1 (e) It is unlawful to destroy, disturb or in any manner  
2 interfere with dams, lodges, burrows or feed beds of beaver  
3 while trapping for beaver or to set a trap inside a muskrat  
4 house or beaver lodge, except that this shall not apply to  
5 Drainage Districts who are acting pursuant to the provisions of  
6 Section 2.37;

7 (f) It is unlawful to trap beaver with: (1) a leghold trap  
8 or one of similar construction having a jaw spread of less than  
9 5 1/2 inches (13.9 CM) or more than 7 1/2 inches (19.1 CM), or  
10 (2) a body-gripping trap or one of similar construction having  
11 a jaw spread of less than 7 inches (17.7 CM) or more than 10  
12 inches (25.4 CM) on a side if square and 12 inches (30.5 CM) if  
13 round, except that these restrictions shall not apply during  
14 the open season for trapping raccoons ~~muskrats~~;

15 (g) It is unlawful to set traps closer than 10 feet (3.05  
16 M) from any hole or den which may be occupied by a game mammal  
17 or fur-bearing mammal except that this restriction shall not  
18 apply to water sets.

19 (h) It is unlawful to trap or attempt to trap any  
20 fur-bearing mammal with any colony, cage, box, or stove-pipe  
21 trap designed to take more than one mammal at a single setting.

22 (i) It is unlawful for any person to set or place any trap  
23 designed to take any fur-bearing mammal protected by this Act  
24 during the closed trapping season. Proof that any trap was  
25 placed during the closed trapping season shall be deemed prima  
26 facie evidence of a violation of this provision.

1 (j) It is unlawful to place, set, or maintain any leghold  
2 trap or one of similar construction within thirty (30) feet  
3 (9.14 m) of bait placed in such a manner or position that it is  
4 not completely covered and concealed from sight, except that  
5 this shall not apply to underwater sets. Bait shall mean and  
6 include any bait composed of mammal, bird, or fish flesh, fur,  
7 hide, entrails or feathers.

8 (k) It shall be unlawful for hunters or trappers to have  
9 the green hides of fur-bearing mammals, protected by this Act,  
10 in their possession except during the open season and for an  
11 additional period of 10 days succeeding such open season.

12 (l) It is unlawful for any person to place, set, use or  
13 maintain a snare trap or one of similar construction in water,  
14 that has a loop diameter exceeding 15 inches (38.1 CM) or a  
15 cable or wire diameter of more than 1/8 inch (3.2 MM) or less  
16 than 5/64 inch (2.0 MM), that is constructed of stainless steel  
17 metal cable or wire, and that does not have a mechanical lock,  
18 anchor swivel and stop device to prevent the mechanical lock  
19 from closing the noose loop to a diameter of less than 2 1/2  
20 inches (6.4 CM).

21 (m) It is unlawful to trap muskrat or mink with (1) a  
22 leghold trap or one of similar construction or (2) a  
23 body-gripping trap or one of similar construction unless the  
24 body-gripping trap or similar trap is completely submerged  
25 underwater when set. These restrictions shall not apply during  
26 the open season for trapping raccoons.

1 (Source: P.A. 85-152; 86-1354.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
3 becoming law."