**Section 660.10 Statewide Season and Permit Quotas**

a) Season: One-half hour before sunrise on Friday of the third 3-day (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) weekend following Thanksgiving to one-half hour after sunset on Sunday of this 3-day weekend in December. The hunter with a Muzzleloading Rifle Deer Permit may also hunt during the second firearm deer season (the first 4-day weekend – Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday – following Thanksgiving), providing the hunter must use only a legal muzzleloading rifle and must abide by 17 Ill. Adm. Code 650.60 when hunting on Department-owned or -managed sites. Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

b) Permit quotas shall be set by the Department of Natural Resources (Department) on a county or special hunt area basis. Cook, DuPage and Lake counties, and that portion of Kane County east of State Route 47, are closed to muzzleloading rifle deer hunting.

c) Hunting prior to ½ hour before sunrise or after ½ hour after sunset is a Class A misdemeanor with a minimum $500 and maximum $5,000 fine, in addition to other statutory penalties (see 520 ILCS 5/2.33(y)). Hunting during the closed season is a Class B misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.4).

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