

**SB2493**



**100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2017 and 2018**

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Introduced 1/31/2018, by Sen. Chapin Rose

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

520 ILCS 5/2.26

from Ch. 61, par. 2.26

Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that a person may supplementally feed deer with items otherwise prohibited by the Code when not in active deer hunting season which shall be implemented by the Department of Natural Resources by rule.

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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 2.26 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/2.26) (from Ch. 61, par. 2.26)

7 Sec. 2.26. Deer hunting permits. Any person attempting to  
8 take deer shall first obtain a "Deer Hunting Permit" issued by  
9 the Department in accordance with its administrative rules.  
10 Those rules must provide for the issuance of the following  
11 types of resident deer archery permits: (i) a combination  
12 permit, consisting of one either-sex permit and one  
13 antlerless-only permit, (ii) a single antlerless-only permit,  
14 and (iii) a single either-sex permit. The fee for a Deer  
15 Hunting Permit to take deer with either bow and arrow or gun  
16 shall not exceed \$25.00 for residents of the State. The  
17 Department may by administrative rule provide for non-resident  
18 deer hunting permits for which the fee will not exceed \$300 in  
19 2005, \$350 in 2006, and \$400 in 2007 and thereafter except as  
20 provided below for non-resident landowners and non-resident  
21 archery hunters. The Department may by administrative rule  
22 provide for a non-resident archery deer permit consisting of  
23 not more than 2 harvest tags at a total cost not to exceed \$325

1 in 2005, \$375 in 2006, and \$425 in 2007 and thereafter.

2 The standards and specifications for use of guns and bow  
3 and arrow for deer hunting shall be established by  
4 administrative rule.

5 No person may have in his possession any firearm not  
6 authorized by administrative rule for a specific hunting season  
7 when taking deer.

8 Persons having a firearm deer hunting permit shall be  
9 permitted to take deer only during the period from 1/2 hour  
10 before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset, and only during those  
11 days for which an open season is established for the taking of  
12 deer by use of shotgun, handgun, or muzzle loading rifle.

13 Persons having an archery deer hunting permit shall be  
14 permitted to take deer only during the period from 1/2 hour  
15 before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset, and only during those  
16 days for which an open season is established for the taking of  
17 deer by use of bow and arrow.

18 It shall be unlawful for any person to take deer by use of  
19 dogs, horses, automobiles, aircraft or other vehicles, or by  
20 the use or aid of bait or baiting of any kind. For the purposes  
21 of this Section, "bait" means any material, whether liquid or  
22 solid, including food, salt, minerals, and other products,  
23 except pure water, that can be ingested, placed, or scattered  
24 in such a manner as to attract or lure white-tailed deer.  
25 "Baiting" means the placement or scattering of bait to attract  
26 deer. An area is considered as baited during the presence of

1 and for 10 consecutive days following the removal of bait. A  
2 person may supplementally feed deer with items otherwise  
3 prohibited by this Section when not in active deer hunting  
4 season which shall be implemented by the Department by rule.

5 Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the use of a dog to  
6 track wounded deer. Any person using a dog for tracking wounded  
7 deer must maintain physical control of the dog at all times by  
8 means of a maximum 50 foot lead attached to the dog's collar or  
9 harness. Tracking wounded deer is permissible at night, but at  
10 no time outside of legal deer hunting hours or seasons shall  
11 any person handling or accompanying a dog being used for  
12 tracking wounded deer be in possession of any firearm or  
13 archery device. Persons tracking wounded deer with a dog during  
14 the firearm deer seasons shall wear blaze orange as required.  
15 Dog handlers tracking wounded deer with a dog are exempt from  
16 hunting license and deer permit requirements so long as they  
17 are accompanied by the licensed deer hunter who wounded the  
18 deer.

19 It shall be unlawful to possess or transport any wild deer  
20 which has been injured or killed in any manner upon a public  
21 highway or public right-of-way of this State unless exempted by  
22 administrative rule.

23 Persons hunting deer must have gun unloaded and no bow and  
24 arrow device shall be carried with the arrow in the nocked  
25 position during hours when deer hunting is unlawful.

26 It shall be unlawful for any person, having taken the legal

1 limit of deer by gun, to further participate with gun in any  
2 deer hunting party.

3 It shall be unlawful for any person, having taken the legal  
4 limit of deer by bow and arrow, to further participate with bow  
5 and arrow in any deer hunting party.

6 The Department may prohibit upland game hunting during the  
7 gun deer season by administrative rule.

8 The Department shall not limit the number of non-resident,  
9 either-sex archery deer hunting permits to less than 20,000.

10 Any person who violates any of the provisions of this  
11 Section, including administrative rules, shall be guilty of a  
12 Class B misdemeanor.

13 For the purposes of calculating acreage under this Section,  
14 the Department shall, after determining the total acreage of  
15 the applicable tract or tracts of land, round remaining  
16 fractional portions of an acre greater than or equal to half of  
17 an acre up to the next whole acre.

18 For the purposes of taking white-tailed deer, nothing in  
19 this Section shall be construed to prevent the manipulation,  
20 including mowing or cutting, of standing crops as a normal  
21 agricultural or soil stabilization practice, food plots, or  
22 normal agricultural practices, including planting, harvesting,  
23 and maintenance such as cultivating or the use of products  
24 designed for scent only and not capable of ingestion, solid or  
25 liquid, placed or scattered, in such a manner as to attract or  
26 lure deer. Such manipulation for the purpose of taking

1 white-tailed deer may be further modified by administrative  
2 rule.

3 (Source: P.A. 98-180, eff. 8-5-13; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16;  
4 99-869, eff. 1-1-17.)