

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 3.3 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/3.3) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.3)

7 Sec. 3.3. Trapping license required. Before any person
8 shall trap any of the mammals protected by this Act, for which
9 an open trapping season has been established, he shall first
10 procure a trapping license from the Department to do so. No
11 traps shall be placed in the field, set or unset, prior to the
12 opening day of the trapping season.

13 Traps used in the taking of such mammals shall be marked or
14 tagged with metal tags or inscribed in lettering giving the
15 name and address of the owner, or the customer identification
16 number issued by the Department, and absence of such mark or
17 tag shall be prima facie evidence that such trap or traps are
18 illegally used and the trap or traps shall be confiscated and
19 disposed of as directed by the Department.

20 Before any person 16 years of age or older shall trap,
21 attempt to trap, or sell the green hides of any mammal of the
22 species defined as fur-bearing mammals by Section 2.2 for which
23 an open season is established under this Act, he shall first

1 have procured a State Habitat Stamp.

2 Before a trapping license shall be issued to any person
3 under the age of sixteen years, such person shall obtain the
4 written consent of his father, mother or legally constituted
5 guardian to obtain such license.

6 Beginning January 1, 2016, no trapping license shall be
7 issued to any person born on or after January 1, 1998 unless he
8 or she presents to the authorized issuer of the license
9 evidence that he or she has a certificate of competency
10 provided for in this Section.

11 The Department of Natural Resources shall authorize
12 personnel of the Department, or volunteer instructors, found by
13 the Department to be competent, to provide instruction in
14 courses on trapping techniques and ethical trapping behavior as
15 needed throughout the State, which courses shall be at least 8
16 hours in length. Persons so authorized shall provide
17 instruction in such courses to individuals at no charge, and
18 shall issue to individuals successfully completing such
19 courses certificates of competency in basic trapping
20 techniques. The Department shall cooperate in establishing
21 such courses with any reputable association or organization
22 which has as one of its objectives the promotion of the ethical
23 use of legal fur harvesting devices and techniques. The
24 Department shall furnish information on the requirements of the
25 trapper education program to be distributed free of charge to
26 applicants for trapping licenses by the persons appointed and

1 authorized to issue licenses.

2 The owners residing on, or bona fide tenants of farm lands,
3 and their children actually residing on such lands, shall have
4 the right to trap mammals protected by this Act, for which an
5 open trapping season has been established, upon such lands,
6 without procuring licenses, provided that such mammals are
7 taken during the periods of time and with such devices as are
8 permitted by this Act.

9 (Source: P.A. 98-913, eff. 1-1-15; 99-868, eff. 1-1-17.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law.