

# HB4112



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

**HB4112**

Introduced 1/16/2020, by Rep. Charles Meier

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

520 ILCS 5/3.1-6

Amends the Wildlife Code. Allows a landowner deer, turkey, and combination permit to be issued without charge to Illinois landowners (removes residing in the State) who own at least 40 acres of Illinois land and wish to hunt upon their land only. Effective immediately.

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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 3.1-6 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/3.1-6)

7 Sec. 3.1-6. Special deer, turkey, and combination hunting  
8 licenses.

9 (a) For the purpose of this Section:

10 "Bona fide equity member" means an individual who:

11 (1) (i) became a member upon the formation of the  
12 limited liability company or (ii) has purchased a  
13 distributional interest in a limited liability company for  
14 a value equal to the percentage of the appraised value of  
15 the LLC assets represented by the distributional interest  
16 in the LLC and subsequently becomes a member of the company  
17 under Article 30 of the Limited Liability Company Act; and

18 (2) intends to retain the membership for at least 5  
19 years.

20 "Bona fide equity partner" means an individual who:

21 (1) (i) became a partner, either general or limited,  
22 upon the formation of a partnership or limited partnership,  
23 or (ii) has purchased, acquired, or been gifted a

1 partnership interest accurately representing his or her  
2 percentage distributional interest in the profits, losses,  
3 and assets of a partnership or limited partnership;

4 (2) intends to retain ownership of the partnership  
5 interest for at least 5 years; and

6 (3) is a resident of this State.

7 "Bona fide equity shareholder" means an individual who:

8 (1) purchased, for market price, publicly sold stock  
9 shares in a corporation, purchased shares of a  
10 privately-held corporation for a value equal to the  
11 percentage of the appraised value of the corporate assets  
12 represented by the ownership in the corporation, or is a  
13 member of a closely-held family-owned corporation and has  
14 purchased or been gifted with shares of stock in the  
15 corporation accurately reflecting his or her percentage of  
16 ownership; and

17 (2) intends to retain the ownership of the shares of  
18 stock for at least 5 years.

19 (b) Landowner Deer, Turkey, and combination permits shall  
20 be issued without charge to:

21 (1) Illinois landowners ~~residing in this State~~ who own  
22 at least 40 acres of Illinois land and wish to hunt upon  
23 their land only;

24 (2) resident tenants of at least 40 acres of commercial  
25 agricultural land where they will hunt; and

26 (3) bona fide equity shareholders of a corporation,

1            bona fide equity members of a limited liability company, or  
2            bona fide equity partners of a general or limited  
3            partnership which owns at least 40 acres of land in a  
4            county in this State who wish to hunt on the corporation's,  
5            company's, or partnership's land only. One permit shall be  
6            issued without charge to one bona fide equity shareholder,  
7            one bona fide equity member, or one bona fide equity  
8            partner for each 40 acres of land owned by the corporation,  
9            company, or partnership in a county; however, the number of  
10           permits issued without charge to bona fide equity  
11           shareholders of any corporation or bona fide equity members  
12           of a limited liability company in any county shall not  
13           exceed 15, and shall not exceed 3 in the case of bona fide  
14           equity partners of a partnership.

15           Bona fide landowners or tenants who do not wish to hunt  
16           only on the land they own, rent, or lease or bona fide equity  
17           shareholders, bona fide equity members, or bona fide equity  
18           partners who do not wish to hunt only on the land owned by the  
19           corporation, limited liability company, or partnership shall  
20           be charged the same fee as the applicant who is not a  
21           landowner, tenant, bona fide equity shareholder, bona fide  
22           equity member, or bona fide equity partner. Nonresidents of  
23           this State who own at least 40 acres of land and wish to hunt on  
24           their land only shall be charged a fee set by administrative  
25           rule. The method for obtaining these permits shall be  
26           prescribed by administrative rule.

1           (c) The deer, turkey, or combination hunting permit issued  
2 without fee shall be valid on all farm lands which the person  
3 to whom it is issued owns, leases or rents, except that in the  
4 case of a permit issued to a bona fide equity shareholder, bona  
5 fide equity member, or bona fide equity partner, the permit  
6 shall be valid on all lands owned by the corporation, limited  
7 liability company, or partnership in the county.

8           (Source: P.A. 99-869, eff. 1-1-17.)

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