



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 1/14/2021, by Rep. Lance Yednock

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Fish and Aquatic Life Code. Provides that residents of this State may obtain a 5-year fishing license. Provides that the fee for a 5-year fishing license is \$62.50. Provides that for residents age 65 or older, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a 5-year fishing license. Provides that for resident veterans of the United States Armed Forces after returning from service abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a 5-year fishing license. Provides that residents of this State may obtain a 5-year sportsmen's combination license that shall entitle the holder to the same non-commercial fishing privileges as residents holding a license and to the same hunting privileges as residents holding a license to hunt all species under the Wildlife Code. Provides that the 5-year sportsmen's combination license fee shall be \$112.50. Provides that a sportsmen's combination license shall not be issued to any individual who would be ineligible for either the fishing or hunting license separately. Provides that for residents age 65 or older, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a 5-year sportsmen's combination license. Provides that for resident veterans of the United States Armed Forces after returning from service abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a 5-year sportsmen's combination license. Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that residents of this State may obtain a 5-year hunting license to hunt all species for \$52. Provides that for residents age 65 or older and resident veterans of the United States Armed Forces after returning from service abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a 5-year hunting license.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning fishing and hunting.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Fish and Aquatic Life Code is amended by
5 changing Section 20-45 as follows:

6 (515 ILCS 5/20-45) (from Ch. 56, par. 20-45)

7 Sec. 20-45. License fees for residents. Fees for licenses
8 for residents of the State of Illinois shall be as follows:

9 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, for
10 sport fishing devices as defined in Section 10-95 or
11 spearing devices as defined in Section 10-110, the fee is
12 \$14.50 for individuals 16 to 64 years old, one-half of the
13 current fishing license fee for individuals age 65 or
14 older, and, commencing with the 2012 license year,
15 one-half of the current fishing license fee for resident
16 veterans of the United States Armed Forces after returning
17 from service abroad or mobilization by the President of
18 the United States. Veterans must provide, to the
19 Department at one of the Department's 5 regional offices,
20 verification of their service. The Department shall
21 establish what constitutes suitable verification of
22 service for the purpose of issuing fishing licenses to
23 resident veterans at a reduced fee.

1 (a-3) Except as otherwise provided in this Section,
2 for sport fishing devices as defined in Section 10-95 or
3 spearing devices as defined in Section 10-110, residents
4 of this State may obtain a 5-year fishing license. The fee
5 for a 5-year fishing license is \$62.50. For residents age
6 65 or older, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a
7 5-year fishing license. For resident veterans of the
8 United States Armed Forces after returning from service
9 abroad or mobilization by the President of the United
10 States, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a 5-year
11 fishing license. Veterans must provide to the Department,
12 at one of the Department's 5 regional offices,
13 verification of their service. The Department shall
14 establish what constitutes suitable verification of
15 service for the purpose of issuing 5-year fishing licenses
16 to resident veterans at a reduced fee.

17 (a-5) The fee for all sport fishing licenses shall be
18 \$1 for an annual license and \$4 for a 5-year license for
19 residents over 75 years of age.

20 (b) All residents before using any commercial fishing
21 device shall obtain a commercial fishing license, the fee
22 for which shall be \$60 and a resident fishing license, the
23 fee for which is \$14.50. Each and every commercial device
24 used shall be licensed by a resident commercial fisherman
25 as follows:

26 (1) For each 100 lineal yards, or fraction

1 thereof, of seine the fee is \$18. For each minnow
2 seine, minnow trap, or net for commercial purposes the
3 fee is \$20.

4 (2) For each device to fish with a 100 hook trot
5 line device, basket trap, hoop net, or dip net the fee
6 is \$3.

7 (3) When used in the waters of Lake Michigan, for
8 the first 2000 lineal feet, or fraction thereof, of
9 gill net the fee is \$10; and for each 1000 additional
10 lineal feet, or fraction thereof, the fee is \$10.
11 These fees shall apply to all gill nets in use in the
12 water or on drying reels on the shore.

13 (4) For each 100 lineal yards, or fraction
14 thereof, of gill net or trammel net the fee is \$18.

15 (c) Residents of this ~~the~~ State ~~of Illinois~~ may obtain
16 a sportsmen's combination license that shall entitle the
17 holder to the same non-commercial fishing privileges as
18 residents holding a license as described in subsection (a)
19 of this Section and to the same hunting privileges as
20 residents holding a license to hunt all species as
21 described in Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code. No
22 sportsmen's combination license shall be issued to any
23 individual who would be ineligible for either the fishing
24 or hunting license separately. The sportsmen's combination
25 license fee shall be \$25.50. For residents age 65 or
26 older, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a

1 sportsmen's combination license. For resident veterans of
2 the United States Armed Forces after returning from
3 service abroad or mobilization by the President of the
4 United States, the fee, commencing with the 2012 license
5 year, is one-half of the fee charged for a sportsmen's
6 combination license. Veterans must provide to the
7 Department, at one of the Department's 5 regional offices,
8 verification of their service. The Department shall
9 establish what constitutes suitable verification of
10 service for the purpose of issuing sportsmen's combination
11 licenses to resident veterans at a reduced fee.

12 (c-5) Residents of this State may obtain a 5-year
13 sportsmen's combination license that shall entitle the
14 holder to the same non-commercial fishing privileges as
15 residents holding a license as described in subsection
16 (a-3) and to the same hunting privileges as residents
17 holding a license to hunt all species as described in
18 Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code. A 5-year sportsmen's
19 combination license shall not be issued to any individual
20 who would be ineligible for either the fishing or hunting
21 license separately. The 5-year sportsmen's combination
22 license fee shall be \$112.50. For residents age 65 or
23 older, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a 5-year
24 sportsmen's combination license. For resident veterans of
25 the United States Armed Forces after returning from
26 service abroad or mobilization by the President of the

1 United States, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a
2 5-year sportsmen's combination license. Veterans must
3 provide to the Department, at one of the Department's 5
4 regional offices, verification of their service. The
5 Department shall establish what constitutes suitable
6 verification of service for the purpose of issuing 5-year
7 sportsmen's combination licenses to resident veterans at a
8 reduced fee.

9 (d) For 24 hours of fishing by sport fishing devices
10 as defined in Section 10-95 or by spearing devices as
11 defined in Section 10-110 the fee is \$5. This license does
12 not exempt the licensee from the requirement for a salmon
13 or inland trout stamp. The licenses provided for by this
14 subsection are not required for residents of the State of
15 Illinois who have obtained the license provided for in
16 subsection (a) or (a-3) of this Section.

17 (e) All residents before using any commercial mussel
18 device shall obtain a commercial mussel license, the fee
19 for which shall be \$50.

20 (f) Residents of this State, upon establishing
21 residency as required by the Department, may obtain a
22 lifetime hunting or fishing license or lifetime
23 sportsmen's combination license which shall entitle the
24 holder to the same non-commercial fishing privileges as
25 residents holding a license as described in paragraph (a)
26 of this Section and to the same hunting privileges as

1 residents holding a license to hunt all species as
2 described in Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code. No lifetime
3 sportsmen's combination license shall be issued to or
4 retained by any individual who would be ineligible for
5 either the fishing or hunting license separately, either
6 upon issuance, or in any year a violation would subject an
7 individual to have either or both fishing or hunting
8 privileges rescinded. The lifetime hunting and fishing
9 license fees shall be as follows:

10 (1) Lifetime fishing: 30 x the current fishing
11 license fee.

12 (2) Lifetime hunting: 30 x the current hunting
13 license fee.

14 (3) Lifetime sportsmen's combination license: 30 x
15 the current sportsmen's combination license fee.

16 Lifetime licenses shall not be refundable. A \$10 fee shall
17 be charged for reissuing any lifetime license. The Department
18 may establish rules and regulations for the issuance and use
19 of lifetime licenses and may suspend or revoke any lifetime
20 license issued under this Section for violations of those
21 rules or regulations or other provisions under this Code or
22 the Wildlife Code. Individuals under 16 years of age who
23 possess a lifetime hunting or sportsmen's combination license
24 shall have in their possession, while in the field, a
25 certificate of competency as required under Section 3.2 of the
26 Wildlife Code. Any lifetime license issued under this Section

1 shall not exempt individuals from obtaining additional stamps
2 or permits required under the provisions of this Code or the
3 Wildlife Code. Individuals required to purchase additional
4 stamps shall sign the stamps and have them in their possession
5 while fishing or hunting with a lifetime license. All fees
6 received from the issuance of lifetime licenses shall be
7 deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Endowment Fund.

8 Except for licenses issued under subsection (a-3), (c-5),
9 or (e) of this Section, all licenses provided for in this
10 Section shall expire on March 31 of each year, except that the
11 license provided for in subsection (d) of this Section shall
12 expire 24 hours after the effective date and time listed on the
13 face of the license. Licenses issued under subsection (a-3) or
14 (c-5) shall expire on March 31 of the 4th year after the year
15 in which the license is issued.

16 All individuals required to have and failing to have the
17 license provided for in subsection (a), (a-3), or (d) of this
18 Section shall be fined according to the provisions of Section
19 20-35 of this Code.

20 All individuals required to have and failing to have the
21 licenses provided for in subsections (b) and (e) of this
22 Section shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

23 (Source: P.A. 97-498, eff. 4-1-12; 97-1136, eff. 1-1-13;
24 98-800, eff. 8-1-14.)

25 Section 10. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing

1 Section 3.2 as follows:

2 (520 ILCS 5/3.2) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.2)

3 Sec. 3.2. Hunting license; application; instruction.

4 Before the Department or any county, city, village, township,
5 incorporated town clerk or his duly designated agent or any
6 other person authorized or designated by the Department to
7 issue hunting licenses shall issue a hunting license to any
8 person, the person shall file his application with the
9 Department or other party authorized to issue licenses on a
10 form provided by the Department and further give definite
11 proof of identity and place of legal residence. Each clerk
12 designating agents to issue licenses and stamps shall furnish
13 the Department, within 10 days following the appointment, the
14 names and mailing addresses of the agents. Each clerk or his
15 duly designated agent shall be authorized to sell licenses and
16 stamps only within the territorial area for which he was
17 elected or appointed. No duly designated agent is authorized
18 to furnish licenses or stamps for issuance by any other
19 business establishment. Each application shall be executed and
20 sworn to and shall set forth the name and description of the
21 applicant and place of residence.

22 No hunting license shall be issued to any person born on or
23 after January 1, 1980 unless he presents the person authorized
24 to issue the license evidence that he has held a hunting
25 license issued by the State of Illinois or another state in a

1 prior year, or a certificate of competency as provided in this
2 Section. Persons under 18 years of age may be issued a Lifetime
3 Hunting or Sportsmen's Combination License as provided under
4 Section 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code but shall not
5 be entitled to hunt alone, without the supervision of an adult
6 age 21 or older, unless they have a certificate of competency
7 as provided in this Section and the certificate is in their
8 possession while hunting.

9 The Department of Natural Resources shall authorize
10 personnel of the Department or certified volunteer instructors
11 to conduct courses, of not less than 10 hours in length, in
12 firearms and hunter safety, which may include training in bow
13 and arrow safety, at regularly specified intervals throughout
14 the State. Persons successfully completing the course shall
15 receive a certificate of competency. The Department of Natural
16 Resources may further cooperate with any reputable association
17 or organization in establishing courses if the organization
18 has as one of its objectives the promotion of safety in the
19 handling of firearms or bow and arrow.

20 The Department of Natural Resources shall designate any
21 person found by it to be competent to give instruction in the
22 handling of firearms, hunter safety, and bow and arrow. The
23 persons so appointed shall give the course of instruction and
24 upon the successful completion shall issue to the person
25 instructed a certificate of competency in the safe handling of
26 firearms, hunter safety, and bow and arrow. No charge shall be

1 made for any course of instruction except for materials or
2 ammunition consumed. The Department of Natural Resources shall
3 furnish information on the requirements of hunter safety
4 education programs to be distributed free of charge to
5 applicants for hunting licenses by the persons appointed and
6 authorized to issue licenses. Funds for the conducting of
7 firearms and hunter safety courses shall be taken from the fee
8 charged for the Firearm Owners Identification Card.

9 The fee for a hunting license to hunt all species for a
10 resident of Illinois is \$12. For residents age 65 or older,
11 and, commencing with the 2012 license year, resident veterans
12 of the United States Armed Forces after returning from service
13 abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States,
14 the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a hunting license to
15 hunt all species for a resident of Illinois. Veterans must
16 provide to the Department, at one of the Department's 5
17 regional offices, verification of their service. The
18 Department shall establish what constitutes suitable
19 verification of service for the purpose of issuing resident
20 veterans hunting licenses at a reduced fee. The fee for a
21 hunting license to hunt all species shall be \$1 for residents
22 over 75 years of age. Nonresidents shall be charged \$57 for a
23 hunting license.

24 Residents of this State may obtain a 5-year hunting
25 license to hunt all species for \$52. For residents age 65 or
26 older and resident veterans of the United States Armed Forces

1 after returning from service abroad or mobilization by the
2 President of the United States, the fee is one-half of the fee
3 charged for a 5-year hunting license to hunt all species for a
4 resident of this State. Veterans must provide to the
5 Department, at one of the Department's 5 regional offices,
6 verification of their service. The Department shall establish
7 what constitutes suitable verification of service for the
8 purpose of issuing resident veterans 5-year hunting licenses
9 at a reduced fee.

10 Nonresidents may be issued a nonresident hunting license
11 for a period not to exceed 10 consecutive days' hunting in the
12 State and shall be charged a fee of \$35.

13 A special nonresident hunting license authorizing a
14 nonresident to take game birds by hunting on a game breeding
15 and hunting preserve area only, established under Section
16 3.27, shall be issued upon proper application being made and
17 payment of a fee equal to that for a resident hunting license.
18 The expiration date of this license shall be on the same date
19 each year that game breeding and hunting preserve area
20 licenses expire.

21 Each applicant for a State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp,
22 regardless of his residence or other condition, shall pay a
23 fee of \$15 and shall receive a stamp. The fee for a State
24 Migratory Waterfowl Stamp shall be waived for residents over
25 75 years of age. Except as provided under Section 20-45 of the
26 Fish and Aquatic Life Code, the stamp shall be signed by the

1 person or affixed to his license or permit in a space
2 designated by the Department for that purpose.

3 Each applicant for a State Habitat Stamp, regardless of
4 his residence or other condition, shall pay a fee of \$5 and
5 shall receive a stamp. The fee for a State Habitat Stamp shall
6 be waived for residents over 75 years of age. Except as
7 provided under Section 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life
8 Code, the stamp shall be signed by the person or affixed to his
9 license or permit in a space designated by the Department for
10 that purpose.

11 Nothing in this Section shall be construed as to require
12 the purchase of more than one State Habitat Stamp by any person
13 in any one license year.

14 The fees for State Pheasant Stamps and State Furbearer
15 Stamps shall be waived for residents over 75 years of age.

16 The Department shall furnish the holders of hunting
17 licenses and stamps with an insignia as evidence of possession
18 of license, or license and stamp, as the Department may
19 consider advisable. The insignia shall be exhibited and used
20 as the Department may order.

21 All other hunting licenses and all State stamps shall
22 expire upon March 31 of each year. Five-year hunting licenses
23 shall expire on March 31 of the 4th year after the year in
24 which the license is issued.

25 Every person holding any license, permit, or stamp issued
26 under the provisions of this Act shall have it in his

1 possession for immediate presentation for inspection to the
2 officers and authorized employees of the Department, any
3 sheriff, deputy sheriff, or any other peace officer making a
4 demand for it. This provision shall not apply to Department
5 owned or managed sites where it is required that all hunters
6 deposit their license, permit, or Firearm Owner's
7 Identification Card at the check station upon entering the
8 hunting areas.

9 (Source: P.A. 100-638, eff. 1-1-19; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19.)

1 INDEX

2 Statutes amended in order of appearance

3 515 ILCS 5/20-45 from Ch. 56, par. 20-45

4 520 ILCS 5/3.2 from Ch. 61, par. 3.2