



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/17/2021, by Rep. Tony McCombie

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

520 ILCS 5/2.11

from Ch. 61, par. 2.11

Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources shall create a pilot program during the annual 2-weekend, youth-only spring wild turkey hunting season to allow for youth wild turkey hunting permits that are valid statewide, excluding those counties or portions of counties closed to firearm turkey hunting. Provides that the Department shall adopt rules to implement the pilot program. Provides that nothing shall be construed to prohibit the Department from issuing Special Hunt Area Permits for the youth-only wild turkey hunting season or establishing, through administrative rule, additional requirements pertaining to the youth-only wild turkey hunting season on Department-owned or Department-managed sites, including site-specific quotas or drawings. Provides that the provision becomes inoperative on January 1, 2024. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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
5 Section 2.11 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/2.11) (from Ch. 61, par. 2.11)

7 Sec. 2.11. Wild turkey hunting permits. Before any person
8 may lawfully hunt wild turkey, he shall first obtain a "Wild
9 Turkey Hunting Permit" in accordance with the prescribed
10 regulations set forth in an administrative rule of the
11 Department. The fee for a Resident Wild Turkey Hunting Permit
12 shall not exceed \$15.

13 Upon submitting suitable evidence of legal residence in
14 any other state, non-residents shall be charged a fee not to
15 exceed \$125 for wild turkey hunting permits.

16 The Department may by administrative rule allocate and
17 issue non-resident Wild Turkey Permits and establish fees for
18 such permits.

19 The Department shall create a pilot program during the
20 annual 2-weekend, youth-only spring wild turkey hunting season
21 to allow for youth wild turkey hunting permits that are valid
22 statewide, excluding those counties or portions of counties
23 closed to firearm turkey hunting. The Department shall adopt

1 rules to implement the pilot program. Nothing in this
2 paragraph shall be construed to prohibit the Department from
3 issuing Special Hunt Area Permits for the youth-only spring
4 wild turkey hunting season or establishing, through
5 administrative rule, additional requirements pertaining to the
6 youth-only spring wild turkey hunting season on
7 Department-owned or Department-managed sites, including
8 site-specific quotas or drawings. The provisions of this
9 paragraph are inoperative on and after January 1, 2024.

10 It shall be unlawful to take wild turkey except by use of a
11 bow and arrow or a shotgun of not larger than 10 nor smaller
12 than 20 gauge with shot size not larger than No. 4, and no
13 person while attempting to so take wild turkey may have in his
14 possession any other gun.

15 It shall be unlawful to take, or attempt to take wild
16 turkey except during the time from 1/2 hour before sunrise to
17 1/2 hour after sunset or during such lesser period of time as
18 may be specified by administrative rule, during those days for
19 which an open season is established.

20 It shall be unlawful for any person to take, or attempt to
21 take, wild turkey by use of dogs, horses, automobiles,
22 aircraft or other vehicles, or conveyances, or by the use or
23 aid of bait or baiting of any kind. For the purposes of this
24 Section, "bait" means any material, whether liquid or solid,
25 including food, salt, minerals, and other products, except
26 pure water, that can be ingested, placed, or scattered in such

1 a manner as to attract or lure wild turkeys. "Baiting" means
2 the placement or scattering of bait to attract wild turkeys.
3 An area is considered as baited during the presence of and for
4 10 consecutive days following the removal of the bait.

5 It is unlawful for any person to take in Illinois or have
6 in his or her possession more than one wild turkey per valid
7 permit.

8 For the purposes of calculating acreage under this
9 Section, the Department shall, after determining the total
10 acreage of the applicable tract or tracts of land, round
11 remaining fractional portions of an acre greater than or equal
12 to half of an acre up to the next whole acre.

13 For the purposes of taking wild turkey, nothing in this
14 Section shall be construed to prevent the manipulation,
15 including mowing or cutting, of standing crops as a normal
16 agricultural or soil stabilization practice, food plots, or
17 normal agricultural practices, including planting, harvesting,
18 and maintenance such as cultivating. Such manipulation for the
19 purpose of taking wild turkey may be further modified by
20 administrative rule.

21 (Source: P.A. 98-180, eff. 8-5-13; 99-869, eff. 1-1-17.)

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law.