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Introduced 1/21/2022, by Rep. Tony McCombie

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 805/805-305	was 20 ILCS 805/63a23
515 ILCS 5/20-45	from Ch. 56, par. 20-45
515 ILCS 5/20-47	
520 ILCS 5/3.1-4	
520 ILCS 5/3.2	from Ch. 61, par. 3.2

Amends the Fish and Aquatic Life Code. Removes provisions requiring a veteran who has served as an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or reserves of the United States Armed Forces to apply in person for a fishing license at a regional office of the Department of Natural Resources. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources shall establish by administrative rule the documentation that qualifies as acceptable verification of service; defines "acceptable verification" of service. Makes related changes to the Wildlife Code. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning fish.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Natural Resources  
5 (Conservation) Law of the Civil Administrative Code of  
6 Illinois is amended by changing Section 805-305 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 805/805-305) (was 20 ILCS 805/63a23)

8 Sec. 805-305. Campsites and housing facilities. The  
9 Department has the power to provide facilities for overnight  
10 tent and trailer campsites and to provide suitable housing  
11 facilities for student and juvenile overnight camping groups.  
12 The Department of Natural Resources may regulate, by  
13 administrative order, the fees to be charged for tent and  
14 trailer camping units at individual park areas based upon the  
15 facilities available. However, for campsites with access to  
16 showers or electricity, any Illinois resident who is age 62 or  
17 older or has a Class 2 disability as defined in Section 4A of  
18 the Illinois Identification Card Act shall be charged only  
19 one-half of the camping fee charged to the general public  
20 during the period Monday through Thursday of any week and  
21 shall be charged the same camping fee as the general public on  
22 all other days. For campsites without access to showers or  
23 electricity, no camping fee authorized by this Section shall

1 be charged to any resident of Illinois who has a Class 2  
2 disability as defined in Section 4A of the Illinois  
3 Identification Card Act. For campsites without access to  
4 showers or electricity, no camping fee authorized by this  
5 Section shall be charged to any resident of Illinois who is age  
6 62 or older for the use of a campsite unit during the period  
7 Monday through Thursday of any week. No camping fee authorized  
8 by this Section shall be charged to any resident of Illinois  
9 who is a veteran with a disability or a former prisoner of war,  
10 as defined in Section 5 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs  
11 Act. No camping fee authorized by this Section shall be  
12 charged to any resident of Illinois after returning from  
13 service abroad or mobilization by the President of the United  
14 States as an active duty member of the United States Armed  
15 Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or the Reserves of the  
16 United States Armed Forces for the amount of time that the  
17 active duty member spent in service abroad or mobilized if the  
18 person ~~(i) applies for a pass with at the Department office in~~  
19 ~~Springfield~~ within 2 years after returning and provides  
20 acceptable verification of service or mobilization to the  
21 Department. Any ~~or (ii) applies for a pass at a Regional Office~~  
22 ~~of the Department within 2 years after returning and provides~~  
23 ~~acceptable verification of service or mobilization to the~~  
24 ~~Department;~~ any portion of a year that the active duty member  
25 spent in service abroad or mobilized shall count as a full  
26 year. The procedure by which a person may provide to the

1 Department verification of service abroad or mobilization by  
2 the President of the United States shall be set by  
3 administrative rule. Nonresidents shall be charged the same  
4 fees as are authorized for the general public regardless of  
5 age. The Department shall provide by regulation for suitable  
6 proof of age, or either a valid driver's license or a "Golden  
7 Age Passport" issued by the federal government shall be  
8 acceptable as proof of age. The Department shall further  
9 provide by regulation that notice of these reduced admission  
10 fees be posted in a conspicuous place and manner.

11 Reduced fees authorized in this Section shall not apply to  
12 any charge for utility service.

13 For the purposes of this Section, "acceptable verification  
14 of service or mobilization" means official documentation from  
15 the Department of Defense or the appropriate Major Command  
16 showing mobilization dates or service abroad dates, including:  
17 (i) a DD-214, (ii) a letter from the Illinois Department of  
18 Military Affairs for members of the Illinois National Guard,  
19 (iii) a letter from the Regional Reserve Command for members  
20 of the Armed Forces Reserve, (iv) a letter from the Major  
21 Command covering Illinois for active duty members, (v)  
22 personnel records for mobilized State employees, and (vi) any  
23 other documentation that the Department, by administrative  
24 rule, deems acceptable to establish dates of mobilization or  
25 service abroad.

26 For the purposes of this Section, the term "service

1     abroad" means active duty service outside of the 50 United  
2     States and the District of Columbia, and includes all active  
3     duty service in territories and possessions of the United  
4     States.

5     (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16;  
6     100-143, eff. 1-1-18.)

7             Section 10. The Fish and Aquatic Life Code is amended by  
8     changing Sections 20-45 and 20-47 as follows:

9             (515 ILCS 5/20-45) (from Ch. 56, par. 20-45)

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

12            (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, for  
13     sport fishing devices as defined in Section 10-95 or  
14     spearing devices as defined in Section 10-110, the fee is  
15     \$14.50 for individuals 16 to 64 years old, one-half of the  
16     current fishing license fee for individuals age 65 or  
17     older, and, commencing with the 2012 license year,  
18     one-half of the current fishing license fee for resident  
19     veterans of the United States Armed Forces after returning  
20     from service abroad or mobilization by the President of  
21     the United States as an active duty member of the United  
22     States Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or the  
23     Reserves of the United States Armed Forces. Veterans must  
24     provide, to the Department acceptable ~~at one of the~~

1 ~~Department's 5 regional offices,~~ verification of their  
2 service. The Department shall establish by administrative  
3 rule the procedure by which such verification of service  
4 shall be made to the Department ~~what constitutes suitable~~  
5 ~~verification of service~~ for the purpose of issuing fishing  
6 licenses to resident veterans at a reduced fee.

7 (a-5) The fee for all sport fishing licenses shall be  
8 \$1 for residents over 75 years of age.

9 (b) All residents before using any commercial fishing  
10 device shall obtain a commercial fishing license, the fee  
11 for which shall be \$60 and a resident fishing license, the  
12 fee for which is \$14.50. Each and every commercial device  
13 used shall be licensed by a resident commercial fisherman  
14 as follows:

15 (1) For each 100 lineal yards, or fraction  
16 thereof, of seine the fee is \$18. For each minnow  
17 seine, minnow trap, or net for commercial purposes the  
18 fee is \$20.

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

22 (3) When used in the waters of Lake Michigan, for  
23 the first 2000 lineal feet, or fraction thereof, of  
24 gill net the fee is \$10; and for each 1000 additional  
25 lineal feet, or fraction thereof, the fee is \$10.  
26 These fees shall apply to all gill nets in use in the

1 water or on drying reels on the shore.

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

4 (c) Residents of the State of Illinois may obtain a  
5 sportsmen's combination license that shall entitle the  
6 holder to the same non-commercial fishing privileges as  
7 residents holding a license as described in subsection (a)  
8 of this Section and to the same hunting privileges as  
9 residents holding a license to hunt all species as  
10 described in Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code. No  
11 sportsmen's combination license shall be issued to any  
12 individual who would be ineligible for either the fishing  
13 or hunting license separately. The sportsmen's combination  
14 license fee shall be \$25.50. For residents age 65 or  
15 older, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a  
16 sportsmen's combination license. For resident veterans of  
17 the United States Armed Forces after returning from  
18 service abroad or mobilization by the President of the  
19 United States as an active duty member of the United  
20 States Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or the  
21 Reserves of the United States Armed Forces, the fee,  
22 commencing with the 2012 license year, is one-half of the  
23 fee charged for a sportsmen's combination license.  
24 Veterans must provide to the Department acceptable ~~at~~  
25 ~~one of the Department's 5 regional offices,~~ verification  
26 of their service. The Department shall establish by

1 administrative rule the procedure by which such ~~what~~  
2 ~~constitutes suitable~~ verification of service shall be made  
3 to the Department for the purpose of issuing sportsmen's  
4 combination licenses to resident veterans at a reduced  
5 fee.

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

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

17 (f) Residents of this State, upon establishing  
18 residency as required by the Department, may obtain a  
19 lifetime hunting or fishing license or lifetime  
20 sportsmen's combination license which shall entitle the  
21 holder to the same non-commercial fishing privileges as  
22 residents holding a license as described in paragraph (a)  
23 of this Section and to the same hunting privileges as  
24 residents holding a license to hunt all species as  
25 described in Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code. No lifetime  
26 sportsmen's combination license shall be issued to or



1 retained by any individual who would be ineligible for  
2 either the fishing or hunting license separately, either  
3 upon issuance, or in any year a violation would subject an  
4 individual to have either or both fishing or hunting  
5 privileges rescinded. The lifetime hunting and fishing  
6 license fees shall be as follows:

7 (1) Lifetime fishing: 30 x the current fishing  
8 license fee.

9 (2) Lifetime hunting: 30 x the current hunting  
10 license fee.

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

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

1 stamps shall sign the stamps and have them in their possession  
2 while fishing or hunting with a lifetime license. All fees  
3 received from the issuance of lifetime licenses shall be  
4 deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Endowment Fund.

5 Except for licenses issued under subsection (e) of this  
6 Section, all licenses provided for in this Section shall  
7 expire on March 31 of each year, except that the license  
8 provided for in subsection (d) of this Section shall expire 24  
9 hours after the effective date and time listed on the face of  
10 the license.

11 All individuals required to have and failing to have the  
12 license provided for in subsection (a) or (d) of this Section  
13 shall be fined according to the provisions of Section 20-35 of  
14 this Code.

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

18 (g) For the purposes of this Section, "acceptable  
19 verification" means official documentation from the Department  
20 of Defense or the appropriate Major Command showing  
21 mobilization dates or service abroad dates, including: (i) a  
22 DD-214, (ii) a letter from the Illinois Department of Military  
23 Affairs for members of the Illinois National Guard, (iii) a  
24 letter from the Regional Reserve Command for members of the  
25 Armed Forces Reserve, (iv) a letter from the Major Command  
26 covering Illinois for active duty members, (v) personnel

1 records for mobilized State employees, and (vi) any other  
2 documentation that the Department, by administrative rule,  
3 deems acceptable to establish dates of mobilization or service  
4 abroad.

5 For the purposes of this Section, the term "service  
6 abroad" means active duty service outside of the 50 United  
7 States and the District of Columbia, and includes all active  
8 duty service in territories and possessions of the United  
9 States.

10 (Source: P.A. 97-498, eff. 4-1-12; 97-1136, eff. 1-1-13;  
11 98-800, eff. 8-1-14.)

12 (515 ILCS 5/20-47)

13 Sec. 20-47. Military members returning from mobilization  
14 and service outside the United States.

15 (a) After returning from service abroad or mobilization by  
16 the President of the United States as an active duty member of  
17 the United States Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard,  
18 or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces, an Illinois  
19 resident may fish as permitted by this Code without paying any  
20 fees required to obtain a fishing license for the time period  
21 prescribed by subsection (b) of this Section if the Illinois  
22 resident applies for a license within 2 years after returning  
23 from service abroad or mobilization. The applicant shall  
24 provide acceptable verification of service or mobilization to  
25 the Department. The Department shall establish by

1 administrative rule the procedure by which such verification  
2 of service shall be made to the Department for the purpose of  
3 issuing fishing licenses to resident active duty members of  
4 the United States Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard,  
5 or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces ~~either at the~~  
6 ~~Department's office in Springfield or at a Regional Office of~~  
7 ~~the Department.~~

8 (b) For each year that an applicant is an active duty  
9 member pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section, the  
10 applicant shall receive one free fishing license. For the  
11 purposes of this determination, if the period of active duty  
12 is a portion of a year (for example, one year and 3 months),  
13 the applicant will be credited with a full year for the portion  
14 of a year served.

15 (c) (Blank).

16 (d) For the purposes of this Section, "acceptable  
17 verification of service or mobilization" means official  
18 documentation from the Department of Defense or the  
19 appropriate Major Command showing mobilization dates or  
20 service abroad dates, including: (i) a DD-214, (ii) a letter  
21 from the Illinois Department of Military Affairs for members  
22 of the Illinois National Guard, (iii) a letter from the  
23 Regional Reserve Command for members of the Armed Forces  
24 Reserve, (iv) a letter from the Major Command covering  
25 Illinois for active duty members, (v) personnel records for  
26 mobilized State employees, and (vi) any other documentation

1 that the Department, by administrative rule, deems acceptable  
2 to establish dates of mobilization or service abroad.

3 (e) For the purposes of this Section, the term "service  
4 abroad" means active duty service outside of the 50 United  
5 States and the District of Columbia, and includes all active  
6 duty service in territories and possessions of the United  
7 States.

8 (Source: P.A. 96-1014, eff. 1-1-11.)

9 Section 15. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing  
10 Sections 3.1-4 and 3.2 as follows:

11 (520 ILCS 5/3.1-4)

12 Sec. 3.1-4. Military members returning from mobilization  
13 and service outside the United States.

14 (a) After returning from service abroad or mobilization by  
15 the President of the United States as an active duty member of  
16 the United States Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard,  
17 or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces, an Illinois  
18 resident may hunt and trap any of the species protected by  
19 Section 2.2 of this Code without paying any fees required to  
20 obtain a hunting license or a trapping license for the time  
21 period prescribed by subsection (b) of this Section if the  
22 Illinois resident applies for a license within 2 years after  
23 returning from service abroad or mobilization. The applicant  
24 shall provide acceptable verification of service or

1 mobilization to the Department. The Department shall establish  
2 by administrative rule the procedure by which such  
3 verification of service shall be made to the Department for  
4 the purpose of issuing a license ~~either at the Department's~~  
5 ~~office in Springfield or at a Regional Office of the~~  
6 ~~Department.~~

7 (b) For each year that an applicant served as ~~is~~ an active  
8 duty member of the United States Armed Forces, the Illinois  
9 National Guard, or the Reserves of the United States Armed  
10 Forces and served abroad or was mobilized by the President of  
11 the United States pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section,  
12 the applicant shall receive one free hunting license, one free  
13 trapping license, one free Deer Hunting Permit as provided in  
14 Section 2.26 of this Code and rules adopted pursuant to that  
15 Section, and one free State Habitat Stamp. For the purposes of  
16 this determination, if the period of active duty is a portion  
17 of a year (for example, one year and 3 months), the applicant  
18 will be credited with a full year for the portion of a year  
19 served.

20 (c) (Blank).

21 (c-5) An Illinois resident veteran may obtain an Illinois  
22 Hunter Education card if he or she completes the online study  
23 section of the Illinois Hunter Education program and provides  
24 the Department with acceptable verification of service or  
25 mobilization.

26 (d) For the purposes of this Section, "acceptable

1 verification of service or mobilization" means official  
2 documentation from the Department of Defense or the  
3 appropriate Major Command showing mobilization dates or  
4 service abroad dates, including: (i) a DD-214, (ii) a letter  
5 from the Illinois Department of Military Affairs for members  
6 of the Illinois National Guard, (iii) a letter from the  
7 Regional Reserve Command for members of the Armed Forces  
8 Reserve, (iv) a letter from the Major Command covering  
9 Illinois for active duty members, (v) personnel records for  
10 mobilized State employees, and (vi) any other documentation  
11 that the Department, by administrative rule, deems acceptable  
12 to establish dates of mobilization or service abroad.

13 (e) For the purposes of this Section, the term "service  
14 abroad" means active duty service outside of the 50 United  
15 States and the District of Columbia, and includes all active  
16 duty service in territories and possessions of the United  
17 States.

18 (Source: P.A. 102-524, eff. 8-20-21.)

19 (520 ILCS 5/3.2) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.2)

20 Sec. 3.2. Hunting license; application; instruction.  
21 Before the Department or any county, city, village, township,  
22 incorporated town clerk or his duly designated agent or any  
23 other person authorized or designated by the Department to  
24 issue hunting licenses shall issue a hunting license to any  
25 person, the person shall file his application with the

1 Department or other party authorized to issue licenses on a  
2 form provided by the Department and further give definite  
3 proof of identity and place of legal residence. Each clerk  
4 designating agents to issue licenses and stamps shall furnish  
5 the Department, within 10 days following the appointment, the  
6 names and mailing addresses of the agents. Each clerk or his  
7 duly designated agent shall be authorized to sell licenses and  
8 stamps only within the territorial area for which he was  
9 elected or appointed. No duly designated agent is authorized  
10 to furnish licenses or stamps for issuance by any other  
11 business establishment. Each application shall be executed and  
12 sworn to and shall set forth the name and description of the  
13 applicant and place of residence.

14 No hunting license shall be issued to any person born on or  
15 after January 1, 1980 unless he presents the person authorized  
16 to issue the license evidence that he has held a hunting  
17 license issued by the State of Illinois or another state in a  
18 prior year, or a certificate of competency as provided in this  
19 Section. Persons under 18 years of age may be issued a Lifetime  
20 Hunting or Sportsmen's Combination License as provided under  
21 Section 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code but shall not  
22 be entitled to hunt alone, without the supervision of an adult  
23 age 21 or older, unless they have a certificate of competency  
24 as provided in this Section and the certificate is in their  
25 possession while hunting.

26 The Department of Natural Resources shall authorize



1 personnel of the Department or certified volunteer instructors  
2 to conduct courses, of not less than 10 hours in length, in  
3 firearms and hunter safety, which may include training in bow  
4 and arrow safety, at regularly specified intervals throughout  
5 the State. Persons successfully completing the course shall  
6 receive a certificate of competency. The Department of Natural  
7 Resources may further cooperate with any reputable association  
8 or organization in establishing courses if the organization  
9 has as one of its objectives the promotion of safety in the  
10 handling of firearms or bow and arrow.

11 The Department of Natural Resources shall designate any  
12 person found by it to be competent to give instruction in the  
13 handling of firearms, hunter safety, and bow and arrow. The  
14 persons so appointed shall give the course of instruction and  
15 upon the successful completion shall issue to the person  
16 instructed a certificate of competency in the safe handling of  
17 firearms, hunter safety, and bow and arrow. No charge shall be  
18 made for any course of instruction except for materials or  
19 ammunition consumed. The Department of Natural Resources shall  
20 furnish information on the requirements of hunter safety  
21 education programs to be distributed free of charge to  
22 applicants for hunting licenses by the persons appointed and  
23 authorized to issue licenses. Funds for the conducting of  
24 firearms and hunter safety courses shall be taken from the fee  
25 charged for the Firearm Owners Identification Card.

26 The fee for a hunting license to hunt all species for a

1 resident of Illinois is \$12. For residents age 65 or older,  
2 and, commencing with the 2012 license year, resident veterans  
3 of the United States Armed Forces after returning from service  
4 abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States  
5 as an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces, the  
6 Illinois National Guard, or the Reserves of the United States  
7 Armed Forces, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a  
8 hunting license to hunt all species for a resident of  
9 Illinois. Veterans must provide to the Department acceptable ~~7~~  
10 ~~at one of the Department's 5 regional offices,~~ verification of  
11 their service. The Department shall establish by  
12 administrative rule the procedure by which such verification  
13 of service shall be made to the Department ~~what constitutes~~  
14 ~~suitable verification of service~~ for the purpose of issuing  
15 resident veterans hunting licenses at a reduced fee. The fee  
16 for a hunting license to hunt all species shall be \$1 for  
17 residents over 75 years of age. Nonresidents shall be charged  
18 \$57 for a hunting license.

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

22 A special nonresident hunting license authorizing a  
23 nonresident to take game birds by hunting on a game breeding  
24 and hunting preserve area only, established under Section  
25 3.27, shall be issued upon proper application being made and  
26 payment of a fee equal to that for a resident hunting license.

1 The expiration date of this license shall be on the same date  
2 each year that game breeding and hunting preserve area  
3 licenses expire.

4 Each applicant for a State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp,  
5 regardless of his residence or other condition, shall pay a  
6 fee of \$15 and shall receive a stamp. The fee for a State  
7 Migratory Waterfowl Stamp shall be waived for residents over  
8 75 years of age. Except as provided under Section 20-45 of the  
9 Fish and Aquatic Life Code, the stamp shall be signed by the  
10 person or affixed to his license or permit in a space  
11 designated by the Department for that purpose.

12 Each applicant for a State Habitat Stamp, regardless of  
13 his residence or other condition, shall pay a fee of \$5 and  
14 shall receive a stamp. The fee for a State Habitat Stamp shall  
15 be waived for residents over 75 years of age. Except as  
16 provided under Section 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life  
17 Code, the stamp shall be signed by the person or affixed to his  
18 license or permit in a space designated by the Department for  
19 that purpose.

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

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

25 The Department shall furnish the holders of hunting  
26 licenses and stamps with an insignia as evidence of possession

1 of license, or license and stamp, as the Department may  
2 consider advisable. The insignia shall be exhibited and used  
3 as the Department may order.

4 All other hunting licenses and all State stamps shall  
5 expire upon March 31 of each year.

6 Every person holding any license, permit, or stamp issued  
7 under the provisions of this Act shall have it in his  
8 possession for immediate presentation for inspection to the  
9 officers and authorized employees of the Department, any  
10 sheriff, deputy sheriff, or any other peace officer making a  
11 demand for it. This provision shall not apply to Department  
12 owned or managed sites where it is required that all hunters  
13 deposit their license, permit, or Firearm Owner's  
14 Identification Card at the check station upon entering the  
15 hunting areas.

16 For the purposes of this Section, "acceptable  
17 verification" means official documentation from the Department  
18 of Defense or the appropriate Major Command showing  
19 mobilization dates or service abroad dates, including: (i) a  
20 DD-214, (ii) a letter from the Illinois Department of Military  
21 Affairs for members of the Illinois National Guard, (iii) a  
22 letter from the Regional Reserve Command for members of the  
23 Armed Forces Reserve, (iv) a letter from the Major Command  
24 covering Illinois for active duty members, (v) personnel  
25 records for mobilized State employees, and (vi) any other  
26 documentation that the Department, by administrative rule,

1 deems acceptable to establish dates of mobilization or service  
2 abroad.

3 For the purposes of this Section, the term "service  
4 abroad" means active duty service outside of the 50 United  
5 States and the District of Columbia, and includes all active  
6 duty service in territories and possessions of the United  
7 States.

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

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