

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 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  
17 company under Article 30 of the Limited Liability Company  
18 Act; and

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

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

22 (1) (i) became a partner, either general or limited,  
23 upon the formation of a partnership or limited

1 partnership, or (ii) has purchased, acquired, or been  
2 gifted a partnership interest accurately representing his  
3 or her percentage distributional interest in the profits,  
4 losses, and assets of a partnership or limited  
5 partnership;

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

8 (3) is a resident of this State.

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

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

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

21 "Family member" means a grandparent, parent, sibling,  
22 child, grandchild, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, or first  
23 cousin.

24 "Family member landowner" means an individual who is a  
25 family member of a landowner and who owns collectively with  
26 any other of that individual's other family members at least

1 40 acres of land in a county in this State.

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

4 (1) Illinois landowners residing in this State who own  
5 at least 40 acres of Illinois land and wish to hunt upon  
6 their land only;

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

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

24 Bona fide landowners or tenants who do not wish to hunt  
25 only on the land they own, rent, or lease or bona fide equity  
26 shareholders, bona fide equity members, or bona fide equity

1 partners who do not wish to hunt only on the land owned by the  
2 corporation, limited liability company, or partnership shall  
3 be charged the same fee as the applicant who is not a  
4 landowner, tenant, bona fide equity shareholder, bona fide  
5 equity member, or bona fide equity partner. Nonresidents of  
6 this State who own at least 40 acres of land and wish to hunt  
7 on their land only shall be charged a fee set by administrative  
8 rule. The method for obtaining these permits shall be  
9 prescribed by administrative rule.

10 In addition to the permits otherwise issued under this  
11 subsection (b), the Department shall, upon request, issue to 2  
12 additional family member landowners, who own with other family  
13 member landowners a parcel of at least 40 acres but who do not  
14 all reside on that property, a landowner deer, turkey, and  
15 combination permit for hunting only on that property at a cost  
16 of no more than the regular permit fee.

17 (c) The deer, turkey, or combination hunting permit issued  
18 without fee shall be valid on all farm lands which the person  
19 to whom it is issued owns, leases or rents, except that in the  
20 case of a permit issued to a bona fide equity shareholder, bona  
21 fide equity member, or bona fide equity partner, the permit  
22 shall be valid on all lands owned by the corporation, limited  
23 liability company, or partnership in the county.

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