

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 Sections 3.2, 3.27, 3.29, and 3.30 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/3.2) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.2)

7 Sec. 3.2. Hunting license; application; instruction.
8 Before the Department or any county, city, village, township,
9 incorporated town clerk or his duly designated agent or any
10 other person authorized or designated by the Department to
11 issue hunting licenses shall issue a hunting license to any
12 person, the person shall file his application with the
13 Department or other party authorized to issue licenses on a
14 form provided by the Department and further give definite
15 proof of identity and place of legal residence. Each clerk
16 designating agents to issue licenses and stamps shall furnish
17 the Department, within 10 days following the appointment, the
18 names and mailing addresses of the agents. Each clerk or his
19 duly designated agent shall be authorized to sell licenses
20 and stamps only within the territorial area for which he was
21 elected or appointed. No duly designated agent is authorized
22 to furnish licenses or stamps for issuance by any other
23 business establishment. Each application shall be executed
24 and sworn to and shall set forth the name and description of
25 the applicant and place of residence.

26 No hunting license shall be issued to any person born on
27 or after January 1, 1980 unless he presents the person
28 authorized to issue the license evidence that he has held a
29 hunting license issued by the State of Illinois or another
30 state in a prior year, or a certificate of competency as
31 provided in this Section. Persons under 16 years of age may

1 be issued a Lifetime Hunting or Sportsmen's Combination
2 License as provided under Section 20-45 of the Fish and
3 Aquatic Life Code but shall not be entitled to hunt unless
4 they have a certificate of competency as provided in this
5 Section and they shall have the certificate in their
6 possession while hunting.

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

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

1 The fee for a hunting license to hunt all species for a
2 resident of Illinois is \$7. For residents age 65 or older,
3 the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a hunting license
4 to hunt all species for a resident of Illinois. Nonresidents
5 shall be charged \$50 for a hunting license.

6 Nonresidents may be issued a nonresident hunting license
7 for a period not to exceed 10 consecutive days' hunting in
8 the State and shall be charged a fee of \$28.

9 A special nonresident hunting license authorizing a
10 nonresident to take game birds by hunting on a game breeding
11 and hunting preserve area only, established under Section
12 3.27, shall be issued upon proper application being made and
13 payment of a fee equal to that for a resident hunting
14 license. The expiration date of this license shall be on the
15 same date March-31--of each year that game breeding and
16 hunting preserve area licenses expire.

17 Each applicant for a State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp,
18 regardless of his residence or other condition, shall pay a
19 fee of \$10 and shall receive a stamp. Except as provided
20 under Section 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code, the
21 stamp shall be signed by the person or affixed to his license
22 or permit in a space designated by the Department for that
23 purpose.

24 Each applicant for a State Habitat Stamp, regardless of
25 his residence or other condition, shall pay a fee of \$5 and
26 shall receive a stamp. Except as provided under Section 20-45
27 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code, the stamp shall be signed
28 by the person or affixed to his license or permit in a space
29 designated by the Department for that purpose.

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

33 The Department shall furnish the holders of hunting
34 licenses and stamps with an insignia as evidence of

1 possession of license, or license and stamp, as the
2 Department may consider advisable. The insignia shall be
3 exhibited and used 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 (Source: P.A. 89-75, eff. 1-1-96; 89-338, eff. 1-1-96;
17 89-445, eff. 2-7-96; 89-626, eff. 8-9-96; 90-225, eff.
18 7-25-97.)

19 (520 ILCS 5/3.27) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.27)

20 Sec. 3.27. Any person owning, holding or controlling, by
21 lease, which possession must be for a term of 5 or more
22 years, any contiguous tract of land having an area of not
23 less than 200 acres, and not more than 1280 acres, with at
24 least 100 acres of suitable wildlife habitat, who desires to
25 establish a game breeding and hunting preserve area, to
26 propagate, preserve and hunt game birds shall make
27 application to the Department for a license as herein
28 provided. Such application shall be made under oath of the
29 applicant or under oath of one of its principal officers if
30 the applicant is an association, club or corporation. In the
31 case of releasing and harvesting hand reared mallards, the
32 tract of land, with the approval of the Department, may be
33 smaller than that required in this Section but in all other

1 respects the applicant shall conform to the provisions of
2 this Act. The application shall be accompanied by a license
3 fee of not to exceed \$100 for a Class A license or a license
4 fee not to exceed \$200 for a Class B license.

5 Every licensee under this Section shall release not less
6 than 250 Bobwhite quail or pheasants each season.

7 Upon receipt of such application, the Department shall
8 inspect the proposed licensed area described in such
9 application and the premises and facilities where game birds
10 are to be propagated and the cover for game birds and the
11 ability of the applicant to operate a property of this
12 character. If the Department finds that the area meets the
13 requirements of all applicable laws and administrative rules
14 and that the game birds are reasonably healthy and disease
15 free; and that the issuing of the license will otherwise be
16 in the public interest; the Department shall approve the
17 application and issue the license for the operation of the
18 property described in the application with the rights and
19 subject to the limitations in this Act prescribed.

20 All game breeding and hunting preserve area licenses
21 expire on April 30 of each year.

22 Upon receipt of such license, the licensee shall promptly
23 post such licensed areas at intervals of not more than 500
24 feet with signs to be prescribed by the Department. The
25 boundaries of such licensed game breeding and hunting
26 preserve areas shall also be clearly defined by natural or
27 artificial boundaries and by signs.

28 (Source: P.A. 85-152.)

29 (520 ILCS 5/3.29) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.29)

30 Sec. 3.29. For the purpose of this Act, game birds shall
31 be released upon licensed game breeding and hunting preserve
32 areas in a manner satisfactory to the Department. The
33 licensee shall keep a register on forms prescribed by the

1 Department which shall clearly show the number and kind of
 2 game birds released and-propagated each year, the month date
 3 of release, and also the number and kind of game birds taken,
 4 the month date when taken and the disposition made of such
 5 game birds, and shall submit such reports under oath as to
 6 game birds released, propagated and taken, to the Department
 7 not later than 10 days following the end of each month during
 8 the season. The Department shall keep an adequate record of
 9 the number of birds released and-propagated on each licensed
 10 game breeding and hunting preserve area in each year and of
 11 the birds taken.

12 The Department shall prepare special tags suitable for
 13 use upon legs of game birds, including hand reared mallard
 14 ducks, which tags shall be of a type not removable without
 15 breaking and mutilating the tag, such tags to be used to
 16 designate birds taken upon a licensed game breeding and
 17 hunting preserve area, and such tag shall remain upon the leg
 18 of such game bird until such bird is finally prepared for
 19 consumption. Those licensed areas which dress game birds may
 20 affix the tag to the bag in which the dressed game birds are
 21 ~~bird-is~~ contained. Upon application and payment of a fee of
 22 10 cents for each such tag, the Department shall furnish
 23 licensees with such tags; ~~provided that the Department shall~~
 24 ~~not in any year furnish any licensee a number of tags in~~
 25 ~~excess of the number of game birds which may lawfully be~~
 26 ~~taken from such licensed area as hereinbefore provided.~~ All
 27 game birds harvested on licensed areas are to be properly
 28 banded on the same day they are taken.

29 (Source: P.A. 84-150.)

30 (520 ILCS 5/3.30) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.30)

31 Sec. 3.30. Game birds may be taken upon a Class A game
 32 breeding and hunting preserve area only during the period
 33 from September 1st to April 15th, ~~or as otherwise determined~~

1 ~~by-the-Direector-through-the--issuance--of--an--Administrative~~
2 Rule₇ of each year, both dates inclusive. Game birds may be
3 taken upon a Class B game breeding and hunting preserve area
4 all year.

5 Before any person shall take or attempt to take game
6 birds upon such licensed game breeding and hunting preserve
7 areas, he shall first secure a hunting license in accordance
8 with this Act.

9 (Source: P.A. 85-152.)