

1 AN ACT concerning hunting.

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 3.2 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 March
15 31 of each year.

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

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

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

32 The Department shall furnish the holders of hunting
33 licenses and stamps with an insignia as evidence of
34 possession of license, or license and stamp, as the

1 Department may consider advisable. The insignia shall be
2 exhibited and used as the Department may order.

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

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

15 Members of the armed forces of the United States while on
16 active duty assigned to a military facility within Illinois
17 are entitled to obtain a resident hunting license and the
18 requirement for the possession or issuance of a Firearm
19 Owner's Identification Card shall be waived.

20 (Source: P.A. 89-75, eff. 1-1-96; 89-338, eff. 1-1-96;
21 89-445, eff. 2-7-96; 89-626, eff. 8-9-96; 90-225, eff.
22 7-25-97.)

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