

# HB3701



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2005 and 2006**  
**HB3701**

Introduced 2/24/2005, by Rep. Angelo Saviano

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

520 ILCS 5/3.21

from Ch. 61, par. 3.21

Amends the Wildlife Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning taxidermy.

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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 Section  
5 3.21 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/3.21) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.21)

7 Sec. 3.21. (a) Every person before engaging in the ~~the~~  
8 business of taxidermy shall obtain a license for such purpose  
9 from the Department. Application for such license shall be  
10 filed with the Department and shall set forth the name of the  
11 applicant; its principal officers, if the applicant is a  
12 corporation, or the partners, if the applicant is a  
13 partnership; the location of the place of business and such  
14 additional information as the Department may require. The  
15 annual fee for each taxidermist license shall be \$25.00. All  
16 licenses issued to taxidermists are valid only at the location  
17 described and designated on the application for such license.  
18 All taxidermist permits shall expire on January 31 of each  
19 year. Persons employed by a licensed taxidermist shall not be  
20 required to possess a taxidermist license while working for and  
21 at the place of business of the license holder.

22 Licensed taxidermists shall submit to the Department a list  
23 naming all individuals who will be working at the place of  
24 business specified on the license. Only those individuals whose  
25 names are on file with the Department shall be authorized to  
26 work under the scope of the taxidermist's license.

27 (b) Taxidermists shall keep written records of all birds or  
28 mammals, or parts thereof, received or returned by them.  
29 Records shall include the following information:

30 (1) The date the bird or mammal was received.

31 (2) The name and address of the person from whom the  
32 bird or mammal was received.

1           (3) The number and species of each bird or mammal  
2           received.

3           (4) The number and state of issuance of the hunting or  
4           trapping license, or special Department permit, of the  
5           individual from whom the bird or mammal was received. In  
6           the absence of a license or permit number, the taxidermist  
7           may rely on the written certification of the person from  
8           whom the bird or mammal was received that the specimen was  
9           legally taken or obtained, or, in the event the individual  
10          is exempt from the apposite license requirements, an  
11          indication of such exemption.

12          (c) All birds or mammals or parts thereof that have been  
13          received, preserved or mounted or possessed by a taxidermist  
14          are required to bear a coded origin tag or label. The origin  
15          tag or label shall correspond with written records containing  
16          more complete information as required by the Department.

17          (d) Taxidermy records shall be open for inspection by any  
18          peace officer at any reasonable hour. Taxidermists shall  
19          maintain records for a period of 2 years from the date of  
20          receipt of the bird or mammal or for as long as the specimen or  
21          mount remains in the taxidermist's possession, whichever is  
22          longer. The Department may require the taxidermist to submit to  
23          it such information as it deems necessary.

24          (e) A licensed taxidermist may possess the green hides of  
25          furbearers and other game mammals the year round as long as  
26          such hides are tagged as and remain the property of the  
27          individual who legally took them and for whom the taxidermist  
28          is performing services.

29          (f) A licensed taxidermist may without a fur tanners permit  
30          tan the green hides of furbearers and other game mammals as  
31          long as such hides are tagged as and remain the property of the  
32          individual who legally took them and for whom the taxidermist  
33          is performing services.

34          (f.5) A licensed taxidermist may, without a fur buyer's  
35          permit, buy, sell, transport and possess the green or tanned  
36          hides of any legally obtained furbearer or game mammal the year

1 round as long as the hides in the taxidermist's possession are  
2 used for taxidermy purposes only and bear a coded origin tag or  
3 label. The origin tag or label shall correspond with written  
4 records containing more complete information as required by the  
5 Department.

6 (g) No taxidermist shall have in his or her possession any  
7 bird or mammal that is not listed in his written records and  
8 properly tagged or labeled.

9 (h) All persons licensed as taxidermists under this Act who  
10 shall ship any birds or mammals or parts thereof that have been  
11 received, preserved or mounted, shall tag or label such  
12 shipment and such tag or label shall state the name of the  
13 taxidermist and the number and date of his or her license.

14 (i) Nothing in this Section removes taxidermists from  
15 responsibility for the observance of any federal laws, rules,  
16 or regulations that may apply to the taxidermy business.

17 (Source: P.A. 88-416.)