



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2005 and 2006**  
**SB2263**

Introduced 1/12/2006, by Sen. Larry K. Bomke

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

20 ILCS 805/805-305  
515 ILCS 5/20-47  
520 ILCS 5/3.1-4

was 20 ILCS 805/63a23

Amends the Department of Natural Resources (Conservation) Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the Fish and Aquatic Life Code, and the Wildlife Code. Removes the requirement that Illinois residents entitled to waiver of fees for camping and for fishing and hunting licenses due to qualifying military service must apply for a camping permit or a license within 2 years after returning from service. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning recreation.

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 Illinois  
6 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 camp sites 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 shall  
21 be charged the same camping fee as the general public on all  
22 other days. For campsites without access to showers or  
23 electricity, no camping fee authorized by this Section shall be  
24 charged to any resident of Illinois who has a Class 2  
25 disability as defined in Section 4A of the Illinois  
26 Identification Card Act. For campsites without access to  
27 showers or electricity, no camping fee authorized by this  
28 Section shall be charged to any resident of Illinois who is age  
29 62 or older for the use of a camp site unit during the period  
30 Monday through Thursday of any week. No camping fee authorized  
31 by this Section shall be charged to any resident of Illinois  
32 who is a disabled veteran or a former prisoner of war, as

1 defined in Section 5 of the Department of Veterans Affairs Act.  
2 No camping fee authorized by this Section shall be charged to  
3 any resident of Illinois after returning from service abroad or  
4 mobilization by the President of the United States as an active  
5 duty member of the United States Armed Forces, the Illinois  
6 National Guard, or the Reserves of the United States Armed  
7 Forces for the amount of time that the active duty member spent  
8 in service abroad or mobilized if the person applies for a pass  
9 at the Department office in Springfield after ~~within 2 years of~~  
10 returning and provides verification of service or mobilization  
11 to the Department; any portion of a year that the active duty  
12 member spent in service abroad or mobilized shall count as a  
13 full year. Nonresidents shall be charged the same fees as are  
14 authorized for the general public regardless of age. The  
15 Department shall provide by regulation for suitable proof of  
16 age, or either a valid driver's license or a "Golden Age  
17 Passport" issued by the federal government shall be acceptable  
18 as proof of age. The Department shall further provide by  
19 regulation that notice of these reduced admission fees be  
20 posted in a conspicuous place and manner.

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

23 (Source: P.A. 94-313, eff. 7-25-05.)

24 Section 10. The Fish and Aquatic Life Code is amended by  
25 changing Section 20-47 as follows:

26 (515 ILCS 5/20-47)

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

29 (a) After returning from service abroad or mobilization by  
30 the President of the United States as an active duty member of  
31 the United States Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or  
32 the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces, an Illinois  
33 resident may fish as permitted by this Code without paying any  
34 fees required to obtain a fishing license for the time period

1 prescribed by subsection (b) of this Section if the Illinois  
2 resident applies for a license after ~~within 2 years of~~  
3 returning from service abroad or mobilization. The applicant  
4 shall provide verification of service or mobilization to the  
5 Department at the Department's office in Springfield.

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

13 (c) The Department shall establish what constitutes  
14 suitable verification of service or mobilization under  
15 subsection (a) of this Section.

16 (Source: P.A. 94-313, eff. 7-25-05.)

17 Section 15. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing  
18 Section 3.1-4 as follows:

19 (520 ILCS 5/3.1-4)

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

22 (a) After returning from service abroad or mobilization by  
23 the President of the United States as an active duty member of  
24 the United States Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or  
25 the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces, an Illinois  
26 resident may hunt any of the species protected by Section 2.2  
27 of this Code without paying any fees required to obtain a  
28 hunting license for the time period prescribed by subsection  
29 (b) of this Section if the Illinois resident applies for a  
30 license after ~~within 2 years of~~ returning from service abroad  
31 or mobilization. The applicant shall provide verification of  
32 service or mobilization to the Department at the Department's  
33 office in Springfield.

34 (b) For each year that an applicant is an active duty

1 member pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section, the  
2 applicant shall receive one free hunting license, one free Deer  
3 Hunting Permit as provided in Section 2.26 of this Code and  
4 rules adopted pursuant to that Section, and one free State  
5 Habitat Stamp. For the purposes of this determination, if the  
6 period of active duty is a portion of a year (for example, one  
7 year and 3 months), the applicant will be credited with a full  
8 year for the portion of a year served.

9 (c) The Department shall establish what constitutes  
10 suitable verification of service or mobilization under  
11 subsection (a) of this Section.

12 (Source: P.A. 94-313, eff. 7-25-05.)

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
14 becoming law.