

**SB3071**



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2005 and 2006**  
**SB3071**

Introduced 1/20/2006, by Sen. Gary Forby

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

520 ILCS 5/2.25

from Ch. 61, par. 2.25

Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that the open season for taking deer shall be not more than 18 days (now, 14 days) set annually by the Director between the dates of October 1st (now, November 1st) and the following January 31st (now, December 31st), both inclusive. Provides that legal handguns for taking deer include any handguns (now, any centerfire handguns) of .30 caliber or larger with a minimum barrel length of 4 inches.

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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 2.25 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/2.25) (from Ch. 61, par. 2.25)

7 Sec. 2.25. It shall be unlawful for any person to take deer  
8 except (i) with a shotgun, handgun, or muzzleloading rifle or  
9 (ii) as provided by administrative rule, with a bow and arrow,  
10 or crossbow device for handicapped persons as defined in  
11 Section 2.33, during the open season of not more than 18 ~~14~~  
12 days which will be set annually by the Director between the  
13 dates of October ~~November~~ 1st and the following January  
14 ~~December~~ 31st, both inclusive. For the purposes of this  
15 Section, legal handguns include any ~~centerfire~~ handguns of .30  
16 caliber or larger with a minimum barrel length of 4 inches. The  
17 only legal ammunition for a centerfire handgun is a cartridge  
18 of .30 caliber or larger with a capability of at least 500 foot  
19 pounds of energy at the muzzle. Full metal jacket bullets may  
20 not be used to harvest deer.

21 The Department shall make administrative rules concerning  
22 management restrictions applicable to the firearm and bow and  
23 arrow season.

24 It shall be unlawful for any person to take deer except  
25 with a bow and arrow, or crossbow device for handicapped  
26 persons (as defined in Section 2.33), during the open season  
27 for bow and arrow set annually by the Director between the  
28 dates of September 1st and January 31st, both inclusive.

29 It shall be unlawful for any person to take deer except  
30 with (i) a muzzleloading rifle, or (ii) bow and arrow, or  
31 crossbow device for handicapped persons as defined in Section  
32 2.33, during the open season for muzzleloading rifles set

1 annually by the Director.

2 The Director shall cause an administrative rule setting  
3 forth the prescribed rules and regulations, including bag and  
4 possession limits and those counties of the State where open  
5 seasons are established, to be published in accordance with  
6 Sections 1.3 and 1.13 of this Act.

7 The Department may establish separate harvest periods for  
8 the purpose of managing or eradicating disease that has been  
9 found in the deer herd. This season shall be restricted to gun  
10 or bow and arrow hunting only. The Department shall publicly  
11 announce, via statewide news release, the season dates and  
12 shooting hours, the counties and sites open to hunting, permit  
13 requirements, application dates, hunting rules, legal weapons,  
14 and reporting requirements.

15 The Department is authorized to establish a separate  
16 harvest period at specific sites within the State for the  
17 purpose of harvesting surplus deer that cannot be taken during  
18 the regular season provided for the taking of deer. This season  
19 shall be restricted to gun or bow and arrow hunting only and  
20 shall be established during the period of September 1st to  
21 February 15th, both inclusive. The Department shall publish  
22 suitable prescribed rules and regulations established by  
23 administrative rule pertaining to management restrictions  
24 applicable to this special harvest program.

25 (Source: P.A. 93-37, eff. 6-25-03; 93-554, eff. 8-20-03;  
26 revised 9-15-03.)