

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 3.1-5 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/3.1-5)

7 Sec. 3.1-5. Apprentice Hunter License Program.

8 (a) Beginning 120 days after the effective date of this  
9 amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly, the Department  
10 shall establish an Apprentice Hunter License Program. The  
11 purpose of this Program shall be to extend limited hunting  
12 privileges, in lieu of obtaining a valid hunting license, to  
13 persons interested in learning about hunting sports.

14 (b) Any resident or nonresident who is at least 10 years  
15 old may apply to the Department for an Apprentice Hunter  
16 License. The Apprentice Hunter License shall be a one-time,  
17 non-renewable license that shall expire on the March 31  
18 following the date of issuance.

19 (c) For persons aged 10 through 17, the Apprentice Hunter  
20 License shall entitle the licensee to hunt while supervised by  
21 a validly licensed resident or nonresident parent, guardian, or  
22 grandparent. For persons 18 or older, the Apprentice Hunter  
23 License shall entitle the licensee to hunt while supervised by

1 a validly licensed resident or nonresident hunter. Possession  
2 of an Apprentice Hunter License shall serve in lieu of a valid  
3 hunting license, but does not exempt the licensee from  
4 compliance with the requirements of this Code and any rules and  
5 regulations adopted pursuant to this Code.

6 (d) In order to be approved for the Apprentice Hunter  
7 License, the applicant must ~~be a resident of Illinois,~~ request  
8 an Apprentice Hunter License on a form designated and made  
9 available by the Department, and submit a \$7 fee, which shall  
10 be separate from and additional to any other stamp, permit,  
11 tag, or license fee that may be required for hunting under this  
12 Code. The Department shall adopt suitable administrative rules  
13 that are reasonable and necessary for the administration of the  
14 program, but shall not require any certificate of competency or  
15 other hunting education as a condition of the Apprentice Hunter  
16 License.

17 (Source: P.A. 94-1024, eff. 7-14-06.)

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
19 becoming law.