

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
5 Sections 2.30 and 2.33a as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/2.30) (from Ch. 61, par. 2.30)

7 Sec. 2.30. It shall be unlawful for any person to trap or
8 to hunt with gun, dog, dog and gun, or bow and arrow, gray fox,
9 red fox, raccoon, weasel, mink, muskrat, badger, and opossum
10 except during the open season which will be set annually by the
11 Director between 12:01 a.m., November 1 to 12:00 midnight,
12 February 15, both inclusive.

13 It is unlawful for any person to take bobcat or river otter
14 in this State at any time.

15 It is unlawful to pursue any fur-bearing mammal with a dog
16 or dogs between the hours of sunset and sunrise during the 10
17 day period preceding the opening date of the raccoon hunting
18 season and the 10 day period following the closing date of the
19 raccoon hunting season except that the Department may issue
20 field trial permits in accordance with Section 2.34 of this
21 Act. A non-resident from a state with more restrictive
22 fur-bearer pursuit regulations for any particular species than
23 provided for that species in this Act may not pursue that

1 species in Illinois except during the period of time that
2 Illinois residents are allowed to pursue that species in the
3 non-resident's state of residence. Hound running areas
4 approved by the Department shall be exempt from the provisions
5 of this Section.

6 It shall be unlawful to take beaver, weasel, mink or
7 muskrat except during the open season set annually by the
8 Director, and then, only with traps.

9 It shall be unlawful for any person to trap beaver with
10 traps except during the open season which will be set annually
11 by the Director between 12:01 a.m., November 1st and 12:00
12 midnight, March 31.

13 Coyote may be taken by trapping methods only during the
14 period from September 1 to March 1, both inclusive, and by
15 hunting methods at any time.

16 Striped skunk may be taken by trapping methods only during
17 the period from September 1 to March 1, both inclusive, and by
18 hunting methods at any time.

19 Muskrat may be taken by trapping methods during an open
20 season set annually by the Director.

21 For the purpose of taking fur-bearing mammals, the State
22 may be divided into management zones by administrative rule.

23 The provisions of this Section are subject to modification
24 by administrative rule.

25 (Source: P.A. 95-196, eff. 1-1-08.)

1 (520 ILCS 5/2.33a) (from Ch. 61, par. 2.33a)

2 Sec. 2.33a. Trapping.

3 (a) It is unlawful to fail to visit and remove all animals
4 from traps staked out, set, used, tended, placed or maintained
5 at least once each calendar day.

6 (b) It is unlawful for any person to place, set, use, or
7 maintain a leghold trap or one of similar construction on land,
8 that has a jaw spread of larger than 6 1/2 inches (16.6 CM), or
9 a body-gripping trap or one of similar construction having a
10 jaw spread larger than 7 inches (17.8 CM) on a side if square
11 and 8 inches (20.4 CM) if round;

12 (c) It is unlawful for any person to place, set, use, or
13 maintain a leghold trap or one of similar construction in
14 water, that has a jaw spread of larger than 7 1/2 inches (19.1
15 CM), or a body-gripping trap or one of similar construction
16 having a jaw spread larger than 10 inches (25.4 CM) on a side
17 if square and 12 inches (30.5 CM) if round;

18 (d) It is unlawful to use any trap with saw-toothed,
19 spiked, or toothed jaws;

20 (e) It is unlawful to destroy, disturb or in any manner
21 interfere with dams, lodges, burrows or feed beds of beaver
22 while trapping for beaver or to set a trap inside a muskrat
23 house or beaver lodge, except that this shall not apply to
24 Drainage Districts who are acting pursuant to the provisions of
25 Section 2.37;

26 (f) It is unlawful to trap beaver with: (1) a leghold trap

1 or one of similar construction having a jaw spread of less than
2 5 1/2 inches (13.9 CM) or more than 7 1/2 inches (19.1 CM), or
3 (2) a body-gripping trap or one of similar construction having
4 a jaw spread of less than 7 inches (17.7 CM) or more than 10
5 inches (25.4 CM) on a side if square and 12 inches (30.5 CM) if
6 round, except that these restrictions shall not apply during
7 the open season for trapping raccoons ~~muskrats~~;

8 (g) It is unlawful to set traps closer than 10 feet (3.05
9 M) from any hole or den which may be occupied by a game mammal
10 or fur-bearing mammal except that this restriction shall not
11 apply to water sets.

12 (h) It is unlawful to trap or attempt to trap any
13 fur-bearing mammal with any colony, cage, box, or stove-pipe
14 trap designed to take more than one mammal at a single setting.

15 (i) It is unlawful for any person to set or place any trap
16 designed to take any fur-bearing mammal protected by this Act
17 during the closed trapping season. Proof that any trap was
18 placed during the closed trapping season shall be deemed prima
19 facie evidence of a violation of this provision.

20 (j) It is unlawful to place, set, or maintain any leghold
21 trap or one of similar construction within thirty (30) feet
22 (9.14 m) of bait placed in such a manner or position that it is
23 not completely covered and concealed from sight, except that
24 this shall not apply to underwater sets. Bait shall mean and
25 include any bait composed of mammal, bird, or fish flesh, fur,
26 hide, entrails or feathers.

1 (k) It shall be unlawful for hunters or trappers to have
2 the green hides of fur-bearing mammals, protected by this Act,
3 in their possession except during the open season and for an
4 additional period of 10 days succeeding such open season.

5 (1) It is unlawful for any person to place, set, use or
6 maintain a snare trap or one of similar construction in water,
7 that has a loop diameter exceeding 15 inches (38.1 CM) or a
8 cable or wire diameter of more than 1/8 inch (3.2 MM) or less
9 than 5/64 inch (2.0 MM), that is constructed of stainless steel
10 metal cable or wire, and that does not have a mechanical lock,
11 anchor swivel and stop device to prevent the mechanical lock
12 from closing the noose loop to a diameter of less than 2 1/2
13 inches (6.4 CM).

14 (m) It is unlawful to trap muskrat or mink with (1) a
15 leghold trap or one of similar construction or (2) a
16 body-gripping trap or one of similar construction unless the
17 body-gripping trap or similar trap is completely submerged
18 underwater when set. These restrictions shall not apply during
19 the open season for trapping raccoons.

20 (Source: P.A. 85-152; 86-1354.)

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law.