

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

21 Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the taking or  
22 possessing of fur-bearing mammals found dead or  
23 unintentionally killed by a vehicle along a roadway during the  
24 open season provided the person who possesses such fur-bearing  
25 mammals has all appropriate licenses, stamps, or permits; the  
26 season for which the species possessed is open; and that such

1 possession and disposal of such fur-bearing mammals is  
2 otherwise subject to the provisions of this Section.

3 The provisions of this Section are subject to modification  
4 by administrative rule.

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

6 (520 ILCS 5/2.31) (from Ch. 61, par. 2.31)

7 Sec. 2.31. Except as provided in Section 2.30, it ~~it~~ shall  
8 be unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take wild  
9 birds or wild mammals along, upon, across, or from any public  
10 right-of-way or highway in this State.

11 (Source: P.A. 77-1781.)

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