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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 743

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 743 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing
5 Section 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 during the open season of not more than 14 days which will be
11 set annually by the Director between the dates of November 1st
12 and December 31st, both inclusive, or a special 3-day ~~2-day~~,
13 youth-only season between the dates of September 1 and October
14 31. For the purposes of this Section, legal handguns include
15 any centerfire handguns of .30 caliber or larger with a minimum
16 barrel length of 4 inches. The only legal ammunition for a

1 centerfire handgun is a cartridge of .30 caliber or larger with
2 a capability of at least 500 foot pounds of energy at the
3 muzzle. Full metal jacket bullets may not be used to harvest
4 deer.

5 The Department shall make administrative rules concerning
6 management restrictions applicable to the firearm and bow and
7 arrow season.

8 It shall be unlawful for any person to take deer except
9 with a bow and arrow during the open season for bow and arrow
10 set annually by the Director between the dates of September 1st
11 and January 31st, both inclusive.

12 It shall be unlawful for any person to take deer except
13 with (i) a muzzleloading rifle or (ii) bow and arrow during the
14 open season for muzzleloading rifles set annually by the
15 Director.

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

21 The Department may establish separate harvest periods for
22 the purpose of managing or eradicating disease that has been
23 found in the deer herd. This season shall be restricted to gun
24 or bow and arrow hunting only. The Department shall publicly
25 announce, via statewide news release, the season dates and
26 shooting hours, the counties and sites open to hunting, permit

1 requirements, application dates, hunting rules, legal weapons,
2 and reporting requirements.

3 The Department is authorized to establish a separate
4 harvest period at specific sites within the State for the
5 purpose of harvesting surplus deer that cannot be taken during
6 the regular season provided for the taking of deer. This season
7 shall be restricted to gun or bow and arrow hunting only and
8 shall be established during the period of September 1st to
9 February 15th, both inclusive. The Department shall publish
10 suitable prescribed rules and regulations established by
11 administrative rule pertaining to management restrictions
12 applicable to this special harvest program. The Department
13 shall allow unused gun deer permits that are left over from a
14 regular season for the taking of deer to be rolled over and
15 used during any separate harvest period held within 6 months of
16 the season for which those tags were issued at no additional
17 cost to the permit holder subject to the management
18 restrictions applicable to the special harvest program.

19 (Source: P.A. 97-907, eff. 8-7-12.)

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