

HB2574



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HB2574

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

520 ILCS 5/3.2

from Ch. 61, par. 3.2

Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that when applying for a hunting license, residents who have been honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces or the Illinois National Guard, upon providing verification of their service, are deemed to have met the requirements for a certificate of competency. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources shall establish what constitutes suitable verification of service. Effective immediately.

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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 3.2 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/3.2) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.2)

7 Sec. 3.2. Hunting license; application; instruction.
8 Before the Department or any county, city, village, township,
9 incorporated town clerk or his duly designated agent or any
10 other person authorized or designated by the Department to
11 issue hunting licenses shall issue a hunting license to any
12 person, the person shall file his application with the
13 Department or other party authorized to issue licenses on a
14 form provided by the Department and further give definite proof
15 of identity and place of legal residence. Each clerk
16 designating agents to issue licenses and stamps shall furnish
17 the Department, within 10 days following the appointment, the
18 names and mailing addresses of the agents. Each clerk or his
19 duly designated agent shall be authorized to sell licenses and
20 stamps only within the territorial area for which he was
21 elected or appointed. No duly designated agent is authorized to
22 furnish licenses or stamps for issuance by any other business
23 establishment. Each application shall be executed and sworn to

1 and shall set forth the name and description of the applicant
2 and place of residence.

3 No hunting license shall be issued to any person born on or
4 after January 1, 1980 unless he presents the person authorized
5 to issue the license evidence that he has held a hunting
6 license issued by the State of Illinois or another state in a
7 prior year, or a certificate of competency as provided in this
8 Section. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary,
9 residents born on or after January 1, 1980 who have been
10 honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces or the
11 Illinois National Guard, upon providing verification of their
12 service at one of the Department's 5 regional offices, are
13 deemed to have met the requirements for a certificate of
14 competency. The Department shall establish what constitutes
15 suitable verification of service for issuing the certificate.
16 Persons under 16 years of age may be issued a Lifetime Hunting
17 or Sportsmen's Combination License as provided under Section
18 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code but shall not be
19 entitled to hunt unless they have a certificate of competency
20 as provided in this Section and they shall have the certificate
21 in their possession while hunting.

22 The Department of Natural Resources shall authorize
23 personnel of the Department or certified volunteer instructors
24 to conduct courses, of not less than 10 hours in length, in
25 firearms and hunter safety, which may include training in bow
26 and arrow safety, at regularly specified intervals throughout

1 the State. Persons successfully completing the course shall
2 receive a certificate of competency. The Department of Natural
3 Resources may further cooperate with any reputable association
4 or organization in establishing courses if the organization has
5 as one of its objectives the promotion of safety in the
6 handling of firearms or bow and arrow.

7 The Department of Natural Resources shall designate any
8 person found by it to be competent to give instruction in the
9 handling of firearms, hunter safety, and bow and arrow. The
10 persons so appointed shall give the course of instruction and
11 upon the successful completion shall issue to the person
12 instructed a certificate of competency in the safe handling of
13 firearms, hunter safety, and bow and arrow. No charge shall be
14 made for any course of instruction except for materials or
15 ammunition consumed. The Department of Natural Resources shall
16 furnish information on the requirements of hunter safety
17 education programs to be distributed free of charge to
18 applicants for hunting licenses by the persons appointed and
19 authorized to issue licenses. Funds for the conducting of
20 firearms and hunter safety courses shall be taken from the fee
21 charged for the Firearm Owners Identification Card.

22 The fee for a hunting license to hunt all species for a
23 resident of Illinois is \$12. For residents age 65 or older,
24 and, commencing with the 2012 license year, resident veterans
25 of the United States Armed Forces after returning from service
26 abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States,

1 the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a hunting license to
2 hunt all species for a resident of Illinois. Veterans must
3 provide to the Department, at one of the Department's 5
4 regional offices, verification of their service. The
5 Department shall establish what constitutes suitable
6 verification of service for the purpose of issuing resident
7 veterans hunting licenses at a reduced fee. Nonresidents shall
8 be charged \$57 for a hunting license.

9 Nonresidents may be issued a nonresident hunting license
10 for a period not to exceed 10 consecutive days' hunting in the
11 State and shall be charged a fee of \$35.

12 A special nonresident hunting license authorizing a
13 nonresident to take game birds by hunting on a game breeding
14 and hunting preserve area only, established under Section 3.27,
15 shall be issued upon proper application being made and payment
16 of a fee equal to that for a resident hunting license. The
17 expiration date of this license shall be on the same date each
18 year that game breeding and hunting preserve area licenses
19 expire.

20 Each applicant for a State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp,
21 regardless of his residence or other condition, shall pay a fee
22 of \$15 and shall receive a stamp. Except as provided under
23 Section 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code, the stamp
24 shall be signed by the person or affixed to his license or
25 permit in a space designated by the Department for that
26 purpose.

1 Each applicant for a State Habitat Stamp, regardless of his
2 residence or other condition, shall pay a fee of \$5 and shall
3 receive a stamp. Except as provided under Section 20-45 of the
4 Fish and Aquatic Life Code, the stamp shall be signed by the
5 person or affixed to his license or permit in a space
6 designated by the Department for that purpose.

7 Nothing in this Section shall be construed as to require
8 the purchase of more than one State Habitat Stamp by any person
9 in any one license year.

10 The Department shall furnish the holders of hunting
11 licenses and stamps with an insignia as evidence of possession
12 of license, or license and stamp, as the Department may
13 consider advisable. The insignia shall be exhibited and used as
14 the Department may order.

15 All other hunting licenses and all State stamps shall
16 expire upon March 31 of each year.

17 Every person holding any license, permit, or stamp issued
18 under the provisions of this Act shall have it in his
19 possession for immediate presentation for inspection to the
20 officers and authorized employees of the Department, any
21 sheriff, deputy sheriff, or any other peace officer making a
22 demand for it. This provision shall not apply to Department
23 owned or managed sites where it is required that all hunters
24 deposit their license, permit, or Firearm Owner's
25 Identification Card at the check station upon entering the
26 hunting areas.

1 (Source: P.A. 96-831, eff. 1-1-10; 97-498, eff. 4-1-12.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.