

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 2.5 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/2.5)

7 Sec. 2.5. Crossbow conditions. A person may use a crossbow  
8 if one or more of the following conditions are met:

9 (1) the user is a person age 55 ~~62~~ and older;

10 (2) the user is a handicapped person to whom the  
11 Director has issued a permit to use a crossbow, as provided  
12 by administrative rule; or

13 (3) the date of using the crossbow is during the period  
14 of the second Monday following the Thanksgiving holiday  
15 through the last day of the archery deer hunting season  
16 (both inclusive) set annually by the Director.

17 As used in this Section, "handicapped person" means a  
18 person who has a physical impairment due to injury or disease,  
19 congenital or acquired, which renders them so severely disabled  
20 as to be unable to use a longbow, recurve bow, or compound bow.  
21 Permits must be issued only after the receipt of a physician's  
22 statement confirming the applicant is handicapped as defined  
23 above.

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

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