

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 Fish and Aquatic Life Code is amended by  
5 changing Sections 20-45, 20-50, and 20-51 as follows:

6 (515 ILCS 5/20-45) (from Ch. 56, par. 20-45)

7 Sec. 20-45. License fees for residents. Fees for licenses  
8 for residents of the State of Illinois shall be as follows:

9 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, for  
10 sport fishing devices as defined in Section 10-95 or  
11 spearing devices as defined in Section 10-110, the fee is  
12 \$14.50 for individuals 16 to 64 years old, one-half of the  
13 current fishing license fee for individuals age 65 or  
14 older, and, commencing with the 2012 license year, one-half  
15 of the current fishing license fee for resident veterans of  
16 the United States Armed Forces after returning from service  
17 abroad or mobilization by the President of the United  
18 States. Veterans must provide, to the Department at one of  
19 the Department's 5 regional offices, verification of their  
20 service. The Department shall establish what constitutes  
21 suitable verification of service for the purpose of issuing  
22 fishing licenses to resident veterans at a reduced fee.

23 (a-5) The fee for all sport fishing licenses shall be

1       \$1 for residents over 75 years of age who are enrolled in  
2       the Benefit Access Program with the Department on Aging.

3           (b) All residents before using any commercial fishing  
4       device shall obtain a commercial fishing license, the fee  
5       for which shall be \$60 and a resident fishing license, the  
6       fee for which is \$14.50. Each and every commercial device  
7       used shall be licensed by a resident commercial fisherman  
8       as follows:

9           (1) For each 100 lineal yards, or fraction thereof,  
10       of seine the fee is \$18. For each minnow seine, minnow  
11       trap, or net for commercial purposes the fee is \$20.

12          (2) For each device to fish with a 100 hook trot  
13       line device, basket trap, hoop net, or dip net the fee  
14       is \$3.

15          (3) When used in the waters of Lake Michigan, for  
16       the first 2000 lineal feet, or fraction thereof, of  
17       gill net the fee is \$10; and for each 1000 additional  
18       lineal feet, or fraction thereof, the fee is \$10. These  
19       fees shall apply to all gill nets in use in the water  
20       or on drying reels on the shore.

21          (4) For each 100 lineal yards, or fraction thereof,  
22       of gill net or trammel net the fee is \$18.

23       (c) Residents of the State of Illinois may obtain a  
24       sportsmen's combination license that shall entitle the  
25       holder to the same non-commercial fishing privileges as  
26       residents holding a license as described in subsection (a)

1 of this Section and to the same hunting privileges as  
2 residents holding a license to hunt all species as  
3 described in Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code. No  
4 sportsmen's combination license shall be issued to any  
5 individual who would be ineligible for either the fishing  
6 or hunting license separately. The sportsmen's combination  
7 license fee shall be \$25.50. For residents age 65 or older,  
8 the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a sportsmen's  
9 combination license. For resident veterans of the United  
10 States Armed Forces after returning from service abroad or  
11 mobilization by the President of the United States, the  
12 fee, commencing with the 2012 license year, is one-half of  
13 the fee charged for a sportsmen's combination license.  
14 Veterans must provide to the Department, at one of the  
15 Department's 5 regional offices, verification of their  
16 service. The Department shall establish what constitutes  
17 suitable verification of service for the purpose of issuing  
18 sportsmen's combination licenses to resident veterans at a  
19 reduced fee.

20 (d) For 24 hours of fishing by sport fishing devices as  
21 defined in Section 10-95 or by spearing devices as defined  
22 in Section 10-110 the fee is \$5. This license does not  
23 exempt the licensee from the requirement for a salmon or  
24 inland trout stamp. The licenses provided for by this  
25 subsection are not required for residents of the State of  
26 Illinois who have obtained the license provided for in

1 subsection (a) of this Section.

2 (e) All residents before using any commercial mussel  
3 device shall obtain a commercial mussel license, the fee  
4 for which shall be \$50.

5 (f) Residents of this State, upon establishing  
6 residency as required by the Department, may obtain a  
7 lifetime hunting or fishing license or lifetime  
8 sportsmen's combination license which shall entitle the  
9 holder to the same non-commercial fishing privileges as  
10 residents holding a license as described in paragraph (a)  
11 of this Section and to the same hunting privileges as  
12 residents holding a license to hunt all species as  
13 described in Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code. No lifetime  
14 sportsmen's combination license shall be issued to or  
15 retained by any individual who would be ineligible for  
16 either the fishing or hunting license separately, either  
17 upon issuance, or in any year a violation would subject an  
18 individual to have either or both fishing or hunting  
19 privileges rescinded. The lifetime hunting and fishing  
20 license fees shall be as follows:

21 (1) Lifetime fishing: 30 x the current fishing  
22 license fee.

23 (2) Lifetime hunting: 30 x the current hunting  
24 license fee.

25 (3) Lifetime sportsmen's combination license: 30 x  
26 the current sportsmen's combination license fee.

1           Lifetime licenses shall not be refundable. A \$10 fee shall  
2 be charged for reissuing any lifetime license. The Department  
3 may establish rules and regulations for the issuance and use of  
4 lifetime licenses and may suspend or revoke any lifetime  
5 license issued under this Section for violations of those rules  
6 or regulations or other provisions under this Code or the  
7 Wildlife Code. Individuals under 16 years of age who possess a  
8 lifetime hunting or sportsmen's combination license shall have  
9 in their possession, while in the field, a certificate of  
10 competency as required under Section 3.2 of the Wildlife Code.  
11 Any lifetime license issued under this Section shall not exempt  
12 individuals from obtaining additional stamps or permits  
13 required under the provisions of this Code or the Wildlife  
14 Code. Individuals required to purchase additional stamps shall  
15 sign the stamps and have them in their possession while fishing  
16 or hunting with a lifetime license. All fees received from the  
17 issuance of lifetime licenses shall be deposited in the Fish  
18 and Wildlife Endowment Fund.

19           Except for licenses issued under subsection (e) of this  
20 Section, all licenses provided for in this Section shall expire  
21 on March 31 of each year, except that the license provided for  
22 in subsection (d) of this Section shall expire 24 hours after  
23 the effective date and time listed on the face of the license.

24           All individuals required to have and failing to have the  
25 license provided for in subsection (a) or (d) of this Section  
26 shall be fined according to the provisions of Section 20-35 of

1 this Code.

2 All individuals required to have and failing to have the  
3 licenses provided for in subsections (b) and (e) of this  
4 Section shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

5 (Source: P.A. 96-831, eff. 1-1-10; 97-498, eff. 4-1-12;  
6 97-1136, eff. 1-1-13.)

7 (515 ILCS 5/20-50) (from Ch. 56, par. 20-50)

8 Sec. 20-50. Salmon stamp fee. The fee for a salmon stamp  
9 shall be \$6 for both resident and non-resident licensees. The  
10 fee for a salmon stamp shall be waived for residents over 75  
11 years of age who are enrolled in the Benefit Access Program  
12 with the Department on Aging. Every person shall sign the  
13 salmon stamp or affix the salmon stamp to his or her license.  
14 These stamps shall expire on March 31 of each year. All  
15 individuals required to have and failing to have a salmon stamp  
16 as provided in Section 20-10 of this Code shall be guilty of a  
17 petty offense.

18 (Source: P.A. 87-833; 88-91.)

19 (515 ILCS 5/20-51)

20 Sec. 20-51. Inland trout stamp. The fee for an inland trout  
21 stamp shall be \$6 for both resident and nonresident licensees.  
22 The fee for an inland trout stamp shall be waived for residents  
23 over 75 years of age who are enrolled in the Benefit Access  
24 Program with the Department on Aging. These stamps shall expire

1 on March 31 of each year. All individuals required to have and  
2 who fail to have an inland trout stamp, as provided in Section  
3 20-11 of this Code, shall be guilty of a petty offense.

4 (Source: P.A. 88-91.)

5 Section 10. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing  
6 Section 3.2 as follows:

7 (520 ILCS 5/3.2) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.2)

8 Sec. 3.2. Hunting license; application; instruction.  
9 Before the Department or any county, city, village, township,  
10 incorporated town clerk or his duly designated agent or any  
11 other person authorized or designated by the Department to  
12 issue hunting licenses shall issue a hunting license to any  
13 person, the person shall file his application with the  
14 Department or other party authorized to issue licenses on a  
15 form provided by the Department and further give definite proof  
16 of identity and place of legal residence. Each clerk  
17 designating agents to issue licenses and stamps shall furnish  
18 the Department, within 10 days following the appointment, the  
19 names and mailing addresses of the agents. Each clerk or his  
20 duly designated agent shall be authorized to sell licenses and  
21 stamps only within the territorial area for which he was  
22 elected or appointed. No duly designated agent is authorized to  
23 furnish licenses or stamps for issuance by any other business  
24 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. Persons under 16 years of age may be issued a Lifetime  
9 Hunting or Sportsmen's Combination License as provided under  
10 Section 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code but shall not  
11 be entitled to hunt unless they have a certificate of  
12 competency as provided in this Section and they shall have the  
13 certificate in their possession while hunting.

14 The Department of Natural Resources shall authorize  
15 personnel of the Department or certified volunteer instructors  
16 to conduct courses, of not less than 10 hours in length, in  
17 firearms and hunter safety, which may include training in bow  
18 and arrow safety, at regularly specified intervals throughout  
19 the State. Persons successfully completing the course shall  
20 receive a certificate of competency. The Department of Natural  
21 Resources may further cooperate with any reputable association  
22 or organization in establishing courses if the organization has  
23 as one of its objectives the promotion of safety in the  
24 handling of firearms or bow and arrow.

25 The Department of Natural Resources shall designate any  
26 person found by it to be competent to give instruction in the



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

14 The fee for a hunting license to hunt all species for a  
15 resident of Illinois is \$12. For residents age 65 or older,  
16 and, commencing with the 2012 license year, resident veterans  
17 of the United States Armed Forces after returning from service  
18 abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States,  
19 the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a hunting license to  
20 hunt all species for a resident of Illinois. Veterans must  
21 provide to the Department, at one of the Department's 5  
22 regional offices, verification of their service. The  
23 Department shall establish what constitutes suitable  
24 verification of service for the purpose of issuing resident  
25 veterans hunting licenses at a reduced fee. The fee for a  
26 hunting license to hunt all species shall be \$1 for residents

1 over 75 years of age who are enrolled in the Benefit Access  
2 Program with the Department on Aging. Nonresidents shall be  
3 charged \$57 for a hunting license.

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

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

15 Each applicant for a State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp,  
16 regardless of his residence or other condition, shall pay a fee  
17 of \$15 and shall receive a stamp. The fee for a State Migratory  
18 Waterfowl Stamp shall be waived for residents over 75 years of  
19 age who are enrolled in the Benefit Access Program with the  
20 Department on Aging. Except as provided under Section 20-45 of  
21 the Fish and Aquatic Life Code, the stamp shall be signed by  
22 the person or affixed to his license or permit in a space  
23 designated by the Department for that purpose.

24 Each applicant for a State Habitat Stamp, regardless of his  
25 residence or other condition, shall pay a fee of \$5 and shall  
26 receive a stamp. The fee for a State Habitat Stamp shall be

1 waived for residents over 75 years of age who are enrolled in  
2 the Benefit Access Program with the Department on Aging. Except  
3 as provided under Section 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life  
4 Code, the stamp shall be signed by the person or affixed to his  
5 license or permit in a space designated by the Department for  
6 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 fees for State Pheasant Stamps and State Furbearer  
11 Stamps shall be waived for residents over 75 years of age who  
12 are enrolled in the Benefit Access Program with the Department  
13 on Aging.

14 The Department shall furnish the holders of hunting  
15 licenses and stamps with an insignia as evidence of possession  
16 of license, or license and stamp, as the Department may  
17 consider advisable. The insignia shall be exhibited and used as  
18 the Department may order.

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

21 Every person holding any license, permit, or stamp issued  
22 under the provisions of this Act shall have it in his  
23 possession for immediate presentation for inspection to the  
24 officers and authorized employees of the Department, any  
25 sheriff, deputy sheriff, or any other peace officer making a  
26 demand for it. This provision shall not apply to Department

1 owned or managed sites where it is required that all hunters  
2 deposit their license, permit, or Firearm Owner's  
3 Identification Card at the check station upon entering the  
4 hunting areas.

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

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
7 becoming law.