

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. 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. Nonresidents shall
26 be charged \$57 for a hunting license.

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

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

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

19 Each applicant for a State Habitat Stamp, ~~regardless of his~~
20 ~~residence or other condition,~~ shall pay a fee of \$5 and shall
21 receive a stamp unless the applicant is an Illinois landowner
22 who wishes to hunt on their own land or is a spouse or child of
23 the Illinois landowner and who permanently resides in Illinois,
24 then the landowner or the specified family member shall be
25 exempt from the \$5 fee. Except as provided under Section 20-45
26 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code, the stamp shall be signed by

1 the person or affixed to his or her license or permit in a
2 space designated by the Department for that purpose.

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

6 The Department shall furnish the holders of hunting
7 licenses and stamps with an insignia as evidence of possession
8 of license, or license and stamp, as the Department may
9 consider advisable. The insignia shall be exhibited and used as
10 the Department may order.

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

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

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