

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 2.11 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/2.11) (from Ch. 61, par. 2.11)

7 Sec. 2.11. Before any person may lawfully hunt wild turkey,
8 he shall first obtain a "Wild Turkey Hunting Permit" in
9 accordance with the prescribed regulations set forth in an
10 administrative rule of the Department. The fee for a Resident
11 Wild Turkey Hunting Permit shall not exceed \$15.

12 Upon submitting suitable evidence of legal residence in any
13 other state, non-residents shall be charged a fee not to exceed
14 \$125 for wild turkey hunting permits, except as provided below
15 for non-resident land owners.

16 Permits shall be issued without charge to:

17 (a) Illinois landowners residing in Illinois who own at
18 least 40 acres of Illinois land and wish to hunt on their
19 land only,

20 (b) resident tenants of at least 40 acres of commercial
21 agricultural land, and

22 (c) bona fide equity shareholders of a corporation,
23 bona fide equity members of a limited liability company, or

1 bona fide equity partners of a general or limited
2 partnership which owns at least 40 acres of land in a
3 county in Illinois who wish to hunt on the corporation's,
4 company's, or partnership's land only. One permit shall be
5 issued without charge to one bona fide equity shareholder,
6 one bona fide equity member, or one bona fide equity
7 partner for each 40 acres of land owned by the corporation,
8 company, or partnership in a county; however, the number of
9 permits issued without charge to bona fide equity
10 shareholders of any corporation or bona fide equity members
11 of a limited liability company in any county shall not
12 exceed 15, and shall not exceed 3 in the case of bona fide
13 equity partners of a partnership.

14 In addition to the wild turkey hunting permits issued
15 without charge, the Department shall make one additional permit
16 available per parcel of land for the standard fee to a resident
17 landowner who is a co-owner of a parcel of Illinois land of at
18 least 40 acres but no more than 79 acres and, under Department
19 rules, is unable to receive a permit without charge for a
20 specific period of the wild turkey hunting season. These
21 additional wild turkey hunting permits shall be valid for the
22 entire wild turkey hunting season.

23 The turkey hunting permit issued without fee shall be valid
24 on all lands upon which the person to whom it is issued owns,
25 leases or rents, except that in the case of a permit issued
26 without charge to a shareholder of a corporation, the permit

1 shall be valid on all lands owned by the corporation in the
2 county.

3 The Department may by administrative rule allocate and
4 issue non-resident Wild Turkey Permits and establish fees for
5 such permits.

6 It shall be unlawful to take wild turkey except by use of a
7 bow and arrow or a shotgun of not larger than 10 nor smaller
8 than 20 gauge with shot size not larger than No. 4, and no
9 person while attempting to so take wild turkey may have in his
10 possession any other gun.

11 It shall be unlawful to take, or attempt to take wild
12 turkey except during the time from 1/2 hour before sunrise to
13 1/2 hour after sunset or during such lesser period of time as
14 may be specified by administrative rule, during those days for
15 which an open season is established.

16 It shall be unlawful for any person to take, or attempt to
17 take, wild turkey by use of dogs, horses, automobiles, aircraft
18 or other vehicles, or conveyances, or by the use or aid of bait
19 or baiting of any kind. For the purposes of this Section,
20 "bait" means any material, whether liquid or solid, including
21 food, salt, minerals, and other products, except pure water,
22 that can be ingested, placed, or scattered in such a manner as
23 to attract or lure wild turkeys. "Baiting" means the placement
24 or scattering of bait to attract wild turkeys. An area is
25 considered as baited during the presence of and for 10
26 consecutive days following the removal of the bait.

1 It is unlawful for any person to take in Illinois or have
2 in his possession more than one wild turkey per valid permit.

3 For purposes of this Section "bona fide equity
4 shareholder", "bona fide equity member", and "bona fide equity
5 partner" shall have the same meaning as provided in Section
6 2.26 of this Act.

7 For the purposes of calculating acreage under this Section,
8 the Department shall, after determining the total acreage of
9 the applicable tract or tracts of land, round remaining
10 fractional portions of an acre greater than or equal to half of
11 an acre up to the next whole acre.

12 For the purposes of taking wild turkey, nothing in this
13 Section shall be construed to prevent the manipulation,
14 including mowing or cutting, of standing crops as a normal
15 agricultural or soil stabilization practice, food plots, or
16 normal agricultural practices, including planting, harvesting,
17 and maintenance such as cultivating. Such manipulation for the
18 purpose of taking wild turkey may be further modified by
19 administrative rule.

20 (Source: P.A. 97-564, eff. 8-25-11; 98-180, eff. 8-5-13.)