

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2015 and 2016 HB3234

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## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

520 ILCS 5/2.5

Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that any person may use a crossbow to take coyotes during any coyote season. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning wildlife.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- 4 Section 5. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing Section
- 5 2.5 as follows:

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- 6 (520 ILCS 5/2.5)
- 7 Sec. 2.5. Crossbow conditions.
- 8 <u>(a)</u> A person may use a crossbow if one or more of the following conditions are met:
- 10 (1) the user is a person age 62 and older;
- 11 (2) the user is a handicapped person to whom the
  12 Director has issued a permit to use a crossbow, as provided
  13 by administrative rule; or
  - (3) the date of using the crossbow is during the period of the second Monday following the Thanksgiving holiday through the last day of the archery deer hunting season (both inclusive) set annually by the Director.
- 18 <u>(b)</u> As used in this Section, "handicapped person" means a
  19 person who has a physical impairment due to injury or disease,
  20 congenital or acquired, which renders the person them so
  21 severely disabled as to be unable to use a longbow, recurve
  22 bow, or compound bow. Permits must be issued only after the
  23 receipt of a physician's statement confirming the applicant is

- 1 handicapped as defined above.
- 2 (c) Any person may use a crossbow to take coyotes during
- 3 <u>any coyote season.</u>
- 4 (Source: P.A. 97-907, eff. 8-7-12; revised 12-10-14.)
- 5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 6 becoming law.