

1 AN ACT concerning fish.

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 Section 20-45 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 (f) Residents of this State, upon establishing  
5 residency as required by the Department, may obtain a  
6 lifetime hunting or fishing license or lifetime  
7 sportsmen's combination license which shall entitle the  
8 holder to the same non-commercial fishing privileges as  
9 residents holding a license as described in paragraph (a)  
10 of this Section and to the same hunting privileges as  
11 residents holding a license to hunt all species as  
12 described in Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code. No lifetime  
13 sportsmen's combination license shall be issued to or  
14 retained by any individual who would be ineligible for  
15 either the fishing or hunting license separately, either  
16 upon issuance, or in any year a violation would subject an  
17 individual to have either or both fishing or hunting  
18 privileges rescinded. Except as provided otherwise in this  
19 subsection, the ~~The~~ lifetime hunting and fishing license  
20 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 Commencing with the 2016 license year, resident veterans of  
20 the United States Armed Forces shall be eligible for a lifetime  
21 fishing license, lifetime hunting license, and lifetime  
22 sportsmen's combination license for half price after returning  
23 from service abroad or mobilization by the President of the  
24 United States.

25 Except for licenses issued under subsection (e) of this  
26 Section, all licenses provided for in this Section shall expire

1 on March 31 of each year, except that the license provided for  
2 in subsection (d) of this Section shall expire 24 hours after  
3 the effective date and time listed on the face of the license.

4 All individuals required to have and failing to have the  
5 license provided for in subsection (a) or (d) of this Section  
6 shall be fined according to the provisions of Section 20-35 of  
7 this Code.

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

11 (Source: P.A. 97-498, eff. 4-1-12; 97-1136, eff. 1-1-13;  
12 98-800, eff. 8-1-14.)