

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
5 Sections 3.1-9 and 3.3 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/3.1-9)

7 Sec. 3.1-9. Youth Hunting and Trapping Licenses ~~License~~.

8 (a) Any resident youth age 18 and under may apply to the
9 Department for a Youth Hunting License, which extends limited
10 hunting privileges. The Youth Hunting License shall be a
11 renewable license that shall expire on the March 31 following
12 the date of issuance.

13 For youth age 18 and under, the Youth Hunting License shall
14 entitle the licensee to hunt while supervised by a parent,
15 grandparent, or guardian who is 21 years of age or older and
16 has a valid Illinois hunting license. Possession of a Youth
17 Hunting License shall serve in lieu of a valid hunting license,
18 but does not exempt the licensee from compliance with the
19 requirements of this Code and any rules adopted under this
20 Code.

21 A youth licensed under this subsection (a) ~~Section~~ shall
22 not hunt or carry a hunting device, including, but not limited
23 to, a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow unless the youth is

1 accompanied by and under the close personal supervision of a
2 parent, grandparent, or guardian who is 21 years of age or
3 older and has a valid Illinois hunting license.

4 At age 19 years or when the youth chooses to hunt by
5 himself or herself, he or she is required to successfully
6 complete a hunter safety course approved by the Department
7 prior to being able to obtain a full hunting license and
8 subsequently hunt by himself or herself.

9 In order to be approved for the Youth Hunting License, the
10 applicant must request a Youth Hunting License from the
11 Department and submit a \$7 fee, which shall be separate from
12 and additional to any other stamp, permit, tag, or license fee
13 that may be required for hunting under this Code. The
14 Department shall adopt rules for the administration of the
15 program, but shall not require any certificate of competency or
16 other hunting education as a condition of the Youth Hunting
17 License.

18 (b) Any resident youth age 18 and under may apply to the
19 Department for a Youth Trapping License, which extends limited
20 trapping privileges. The Youth Trapping License shall be a
21 renewable license that shall expire on the March 31 following
22 the date of issuance.

23 For youth age 18 and under, the Youth Trapping License
24 shall entitle the licensee to trap while supervised by a
25 parent, grandparent, or guardian who is 21 years of age or
26 older and has a valid Illinois trapping license. Possession of

1 a Youth Trapping License shall serve in lieu of a valid
2 trapping license, but does not exempt the licensee from
3 compliance with the requirements of this Code and any rules
4 adopted under this Code.

5 A youth licensed under this subsection (b) shall not trap
6 or carry a hunting device, including, but not limited to, a
7 firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow unless the youth is
8 accompanied by and under the close personal supervision of a
9 parent, grandparent, or guardian who is 21 years of age or
10 older and has a valid Illinois trapping license.

11 At age 19 years or when the youth chooses to trap by
12 himself or herself, he or she is required to successfully
13 complete a trapper safety course approved by the Department
14 prior to being able to obtain a full trapping license and
15 subsequently trap by himself or herself.

16 In order to be approved for the Youth Trapping License, the
17 applicant must request a Youth Trapping License from the
18 Department and submit a \$7 fee, which shall be separate from
19 and additional to any other stamp, permit, tag, or license fee
20 that may be required for trapping under this Code. The
21 Department shall adopt rules for the administration of the
22 program, but shall not require any certificate of competency or
23 other trapping education as a condition of the Youth Trapping
24 License.

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26 (Source: P.A. 98-620, eff. 1-7-14; 99-78, eff. 7-20-15; 99-307,

1 eff. 1-1-16.)

2 (520 ILCS 5/3.3) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.3)

3 Sec. 3.3. Trapping license required. Before any person
4 shall trap any of the mammals protected by this Act, for which
5 an open trapping season has been established, he shall first
6 procure a trapping license from the Department to do so. No
7 traps shall be placed in the field, set or unset, prior to the
8 opening day of the trapping season.

9 Traps used in the taking of such mammals shall be marked or
10 tagged with metal tags or inscribed in lettering giving the
11 name and address of the owner, and absence of such mark or tag
12 shall be prima facie evidence that such trap or traps are
13 illegally used and the trap or traps shall be confiscated and
14 disposed of as directed by the Department.

15 Before any person 16 years of age or older shall trap,
16 attempt to trap, or sell the green hides of any mammal of the
17 species defined as fur-bearing mammals by Section 2.2 for which
18 an open season is established under this Act, he shall first
19 have procured a State Habitat Stamp.

20 Before a trapping license shall be issued to any person
21 under the age of sixteen years, such person shall obtain the
22 written consent of his father, mother or legally constituted
23 guardian to obtain such license.

24 Beginning January 1, 2016 ~~2015~~, no trapping license shall
25 be issued to any person born on or after January 1, 1998 ~~2015~~

1 ~~er who has not previously held a valid trapping license issued~~
2 ~~by this State or another state within the 3 years immediately~~
3 ~~preceding the application~~ unless he or she presents to the
4 authorized issuer of the license evidence that he or she has a
5 certificate of competency provided for in this Section.

6 The Department of Natural Resources shall authorize
7 personnel of the Department, or volunteer instructors, found by
8 the Department to be competent, to provide instruction in
9 courses on trapping techniques and ethical trapping behavior as
10 needed throughout the State, which courses shall be at least 8
11 hours in length. Persons so authorized shall provide
12 instruction in such courses to individuals at no charge, and
13 shall issue to individuals successfully completing such
14 courses certificates of competency in basic trapping
15 techniques. The Department shall cooperate in establishing
16 such courses with any reputable association or organization
17 which has as one of its objectives the promotion of the ethical
18 use of legal fur harvesting devices and techniques. The
19 Department shall furnish information on the requirements of the
20 trapper education program to be distributed free of charge to
21 applicants for trapping licenses by the persons appointed and
22 authorized to issue licenses.

23 The owners residing on, or bona fide tenants of farm lands,
24 and their children actually residing on such lands, shall have
25 the right to trap mammals protected by this Act, for which an
26 open trapping season has been established, upon such lands,

1 without procuring licenses, provided that such mammals are
2 taken during the periods of time and with such devices as are
3 permitted by this Act.

4 (Source: P.A. 98-913, eff. 1-1-15.)