

HB3583



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB3583

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

520 ILCS 5/2.26

from Ch. 61, par. 2.26

Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that a person may place or scatter deer bait otherwise prohibited when not in active deer hunting season. Provides that person who unlawfully baits deer is guilty of a petty offense subject to a mandatory fine of not less than \$500 and shall lose hunting privileges in this State for a period of not less than a year.

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A BILL FOR

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 2.26 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/2.26) (from Ch. 61, par. 2.26)

7 Sec. 2.26. Deer hunting permits. Any person attempting to
8 take deer shall first obtain a "Deer Hunting Permit" issued by
9 the Department in accordance with its administrative rules.
10 Those rules must provide for the issuance of the following
11 types of resident deer archery permits: (i) a combination
12 permit, consisting of one either-sex permit and one
13 antlerless-only permit, (ii) a single antlerless-only permit,
14 and (iii) a single either-sex permit. The fee for a Deer
15 Hunting Permit to take deer with either bow and arrow or gun
16 shall not exceed \$25.00 for residents of the State. The
17 Department may by administrative rule provide for non-resident
18 deer hunting permits for which the fee will not exceed \$300 in
19 2005, \$350 in 2006, and \$400 in 2007 and thereafter except as
20 provided below for non-resident landowners and non-resident
21 archery hunters. The Department may by administrative rule
22 provide for a non-resident archery deer permit consisting of
23 not more than 2 harvest tags at a total cost not to exceed \$325

1 in 2005, \$375 in 2006, and \$425 in 2007 and thereafter.

2 The standards and specifications for use of guns and bow
3 and arrow for deer hunting shall be established by
4 administrative rule.

5 No person may have in his possession any firearm not
6 authorized by administrative rule for a specific hunting season
7 when taking deer.

8 Persons having a firearm deer hunting permit shall be
9 permitted to take deer only during the period from 1/2 hour
10 before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset, and only during those
11 days for which an open season is established for the taking of
12 deer by use of shotgun, handgun, or muzzle loading rifle.

13 Persons having an archery deer hunting permit shall be
14 permitted to take deer only during the period from 1/2 hour
15 before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset, and only during those
16 days for which an open season is established for the taking of
17 deer by use of bow and arrow.

18 It shall be unlawful for any person to take deer by use of
19 dogs, horses, automobiles, aircraft or other vehicles, or by
20 the use or aid of bait or baiting of any kind. However, a
21 person may place or scatter deer bait otherwise prohibited by
22 this Section when not in active deer hunting season. A person
23 who unlawfully baits deer under this Section is guilty of a
24 petty offense subject to a mandatory fine of not less than \$500
25 and lose hunting privileges in this State for a period of not
26 less than a year. For the purposes of this Section, "bait"

1 means any material, whether liquid or solid, including food,
2 salt, minerals, and other products, except pure water, that can
3 be ingested, placed, or scattered in such a manner as to
4 attract or lure white-tailed deer. "Baiting" means the
5 placement or scattering of bait to attract deer. An area is
6 considered as baited during the presence of and for 10
7 consecutive days following the removal of bait. Nothing in this
8 Section shall prohibit the use of a dog to track wounded deer.
9 Any person using a dog for tracking wounded deer must maintain
10 physical control of the dog at all times by means of a maximum
11 50 foot lead attached to the dog's collar or harness. Tracking
12 wounded deer is permissible at night, but at no time outside of
13 legal deer hunting hours or seasons shall any person handling
14 or accompanying a dog being used for tracking wounded deer be
15 in possession of any firearm or archery device. Persons
16 tracking wounded deer with a dog during the firearm deer
17 seasons shall wear blaze orange as required. Dog handlers
18 tracking wounded deer with a dog are exempt from hunting
19 license and deer permit requirements so long as they are
20 accompanied by the licensed deer hunter who wounded the deer.

21 It shall be unlawful to possess or transport any wild deer
22 which has been injured or killed in any manner upon a public
23 highway or public right-of-way of this State unless exempted by
24 administrative rule.

25 Persons hunting deer must have gun unloaded and no bow and
26 arrow device shall be carried with the arrow in the nocked

1 position during hours when deer hunting is unlawful.

2 It shall be unlawful for any person, having taken the legal
3 limit of deer by gun, to further participate with gun in any
4 deer hunting party.

5 It shall be unlawful for any person, having taken the legal
6 limit of deer by bow and arrow, to further participate with bow
7 and arrow in any deer hunting party.

8 The Department may prohibit upland game hunting during the
9 gun deer season by administrative rule.

10 The Department shall not limit the number of non-resident,
11 either-sex archery deer hunting permits to less than 20,000.

12 Any person who violates any of the provisions of this
13 Section, including administrative rules, shall be guilty of a
14 Class B misdemeanor.

15 For the purposes of calculating acreage under this Section,
16 the Department shall, after determining the total acreage of
17 the applicable tract or tracts of land, round remaining
18 fractional portions of an acre greater than or equal to half of
19 an acre up to the next whole acre.

20 For the purposes of taking white-tailed deer, nothing in
21 this Section shall be construed to prevent the manipulation,
22 including mowing or cutting, of standing crops as a normal
23 agricultural or soil stabilization practice, food plots, or
24 normal agricultural practices, including planting, harvesting,
25 and maintenance such as cultivating or the use of products
26 designed for scent only and not capable of ingestion, solid or

1 liquid, placed or scattered, in such a manner as to attract or
2 lure deer. Such manipulation for the purpose of taking
3 white-tailed deer may be further modified by administrative
4 rule.

5 (Source: P.A. 98-180, eff. 8-5-13; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16;
6 99-869, eff. 1-1-17.)