



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

520 ILCS 5/2.11	from Ch. 61, par. 2.11
520 ILCS 5/2.26	from Ch. 61, par. 2.26
520 ILCS 5/2.33	

Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that tracking wounded wild birds or wounded wild mammals by use of unmanned aircraft is permissible under certain conditions, including that: (1) the wild bird or wild mammal is wounded when a properly licensed hunter has struck the animal with a projectile fired from a legal hunting device during the open season; (2) any person operating the unmanned aircraft has obtained permission from the public or private landowner, or the landowner's authorized representative, before launching or landing the unmanned aircraft from or on the landowner's property; (3) the person operating the unmanned aircraft does not possess or control a firearm, bow, or other implement whereby wildlife could be killed or taken while afield, whether acting singly or as a group of persons while the unmanned aircraft is in flight, except this prohibition does not apply to a person lawfully carrying a concealed firearm under the Firearm Concealed Carry Act if the concealed firearm is not used to take wildlife; and (4) the unmanned aircraft is operated in a manner that does not harass any wildlife. Exempts an operator of an unmanned aircraft that meets these conditions from hunting permit requirements if the operator is not the taker of the wounded animal. Effective July 1, 2025.

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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 2.11, 2.26, and 2.33 as follows:

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

7 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 103-622)

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

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

16 The Department may by administrative rule allocate and  
17 issue non-resident Wild Turkey Permits and establish fees for  
18 such permits.

19 It shall be unlawful to take wild turkey except by use of a  
20 bow and arrow or a shotgun of not larger than 10 nor smaller  
21 than 20 gauge with shot size not larger than No. 4, and no  
22 person while attempting to so take wild turkey may have in his  
23 possession any other gun unless in accordance with the Firearm

1 Concealed Carry Act.

2 It shall be unlawful to take, or attempt to take wild  
3 turkey except during the time from 1/2 hour before sunrise to  
4 1/2 hour after sunset or during such lesser period of time as  
5 may be specified by administrative rule, during those days for  
6 which an open season is established.

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

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

20 For the purposes of calculating acreage under this  
21 Section, the Department shall, after determining the total  
22 acreage of the applicable tract or tracts of land, round  
23 remaining fractional portions of an acre greater than or equal  
24 to half of an acre up to the next whole acre.

25 For the purposes of taking wild turkey, nothing in this  
26 Section shall be construed to prevent the manipulation,

1 including mowing or cutting, of standing crops as a normal  
2 agricultural or soil stabilization practice, food plots, or  
3 normal agricultural practices, including planting, harvesting,  
4 and maintenance such as cultivating. Such manipulation for the  
5 purpose of taking wild turkey may be further modified by  
6 administrative rule.

7 (Source: P.A. 102-237, eff. 1-1-22.)

8 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 103-622)

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10 turkey, he shall first obtain a "Wild Turkey Hunting Permit"  
11 in accordance with the prescribed regulations set forth in an  
12 administrative rule of the Department. The fee for a Resident  
13 Wild Turkey Hunting Permit shall not exceed \$15.

14 Upon submitting suitable evidence of legal residence in  
15 any other state, non-residents shall be charged a fee not to  
16 exceed \$125 for wild turkey hunting permits.

17 The Department may by administrative rule allocate and  
18 issue non-resident Wild Turkey Permits and establish fees for  
19 such permits.

20 It shall be unlawful to take wild turkey except by use of a  
21 bow and arrow or a shotgun of not larger than 10 gauge nor  
22 smaller than .410 bore. The Department may by administrative  
23 rule restrict shot size, material, or density. No person while  
24 attempting to so take wild turkey may have in his possession  
25 any other gun unless in accordance with the Firearm Concealed

1 Carry Act.

2 It shall be unlawful to take, or attempt to take wild  
3 turkey except during the time from 1/2 hour before sunrise to  
4 1/2 hour after sunset or during such lesser period of time as  
5 may be specified by administrative rule, during those days for  
6 which an open season is established.

7 It shall be unlawful for any person to take, or attempt to  
8 take, wild turkey by use of dogs, horses, automobiles,  
9 aircraft or other vehicles, or conveyances, or by the use or  
10 aid of bait or baiting of any kind. For the purposes of this  
11 Section, "bait" means any material, whether liquid or solid,  
12 including food, salt, minerals, and other products, except  
13 pure water, that can be ingested, placed, or scattered in such  
14 a manner as to attract or lure wild turkeys. "Baiting" means  
15 the placement or scattering of bait to attract wild turkeys.  
16 An area is considered as baited during the presence of and for  
17 10 consecutive days following the removal of the bait.  
18 Tracking wounded wild mammals or wounded wild birds, including  
19 wounded wild turkey, by use of unmanned aircraft is  
20 permissible under the conditions stated in paragraph (2) of  
21 subsection (i) of Section 2.33 of this Act.

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

24 For the purposes of calculating acreage under this  
25 Section, the Department shall, after determining the total  
26 acreage of the applicable tract or tracts of land, round

1 remaining fractional portions of an acre greater than or equal  
2 to half of an acre up to the next whole acre.

3 For the purposes of taking wild turkey, nothing in this  
4 Section shall be construed to prevent the manipulation,  
5 including mowing or cutting, of standing crops as a normal  
6 agricultural or soil stabilization practice, food plots, or  
7 normal agricultural practices, including planting, harvesting,  
8 and maintenance such as cultivating. Such manipulation for the  
9 purpose of taking wild turkey may be further modified by  
10 administrative rule.

11 (Source: P.A. 102-237, eff. 1-1-22; 103-622, eff. 1-1-25.)

12 (520 ILCS 5/2.26) (from Ch. 61, par. 2.26)

13 Sec. 2.26. Deer hunting permits. Any person attempting to  
14 take deer shall first obtain a "Deer Hunting Permit" issued by  
15 the Department in accordance with its administrative rules.  
16 Those rules must provide for the issuance of the following  
17 types of resident deer archery permits: (i) a combination  
18 permit, consisting of one either-sex permit and one  
19 antlerless-only permit, (ii) a single antlerless-only permit,  
20 and (iii) a single either-sex permit. The fee for a Deer  
21 Hunting Permit to take deer with either bow and arrow or gun  
22 shall not exceed \$25 for residents of the State. The  
23 Department may by administrative rule provide for non-resident  
24 deer hunting permits for which the fee will not exceed \$300 in  
25 2005, \$350 in 2006, and \$400 in 2007 and thereafter except as

1 provided below for non-resident landowners and non-resident  
2 archery hunters. The Department may by administrative rule  
3 provide for a non-resident archery deer permit consisting of  
4 not more than 2 harvest tags at a total cost not to exceed \$325  
5 in 2005, \$375 in 2006, and \$425 in 2007 and thereafter. The  
6 fees for a youth resident and non-resident archery deer permit  
7 shall be the same.

8 The Department shall create a pilot program during the  
9 special 3-day, youth-only deer hunting season to allow for  
10 youth deer hunting permits that are valid statewide, excluding  
11 those counties or portions of counties closed to firearm deer  
12 hunting. The Department shall adopt rules to implement the  
13 pilot program. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to  
14 prohibit the Department from issuing Special Hunt Area Permits  
15 for the youth-only deer hunting season or establishing,  
16 through administrative rule, additional requirements  
17 pertaining to the youth-only deer hunting season on  
18 Department-owned or Department-managed sites, including  
19 site-specific quotas or drawings. The provisions of this  
20 paragraph are inoperative on and after January 1, 2023.

21 The standards and specifications for use of guns and bow  
22 and arrow for deer hunting shall be established by  
23 administrative rule.

24 No person may have in his or her possession any firearm not  
25 authorized by administrative rule for a specific hunting  
26 season when taking deer unless in accordance with the Firearm

1 Concealed Carry Act.

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

8 Persons having an archery 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 bow and arrow.

13 It shall be unlawful for any person to take deer by use of  
14 dogs, horses, automobiles, aircraft, or other vehicles, or by  
15 the use or aid of bait or baiting of any kind. For the purposes  
16 of this Section, "bait" means any material, whether liquid or  
17 solid, including food, salt, minerals, and other products,  
18 except pure water, that can be ingested, placed, or scattered  
19 in such a manner as to attract or lure white-tailed deer.  
20 "Baiting" means the placement or scattering of bait to attract  
21 deer. An area is considered as baited during the presence of  
22 and for 10 consecutive days following the removal of bait.  
23 Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the use of a dog to  
24 track wounded deer. Any person using a dog for tracking  
25 wounded deer must maintain physical control of the dog at all  
26 times by means of a maximum 50-foot ~~50-foot~~ lead attached to

1 the dog's collar or harness. Tracking wounded deer is  
2 permissible at night, but at no time outside of legal deer  
3 hunting hours or seasons shall any person handling or  
4 accompanying a dog being used for tracking wounded deer be in  
5 possession of any firearm or archery device. Persons tracking  
6 wounded deer with a dog during the firearm deer seasons shall  
7 wear blaze orange or solid blaze pink color as required. Dog  
8 handlers tracking wounded deer with a dog are exempt from  
9 hunting license and deer permit requirements so long as they  
10 are accompanied by the licensed deer hunter who wounded the  
11 deer. Tracking wounded wild birds or wounded wild mammals,  
12 including wounded deer, by use of unmanned aircraft is  
13 permissible under the conditions stated in paragraph (2) of  
14 subsection (i) of Section 2.33 of this Act.

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

19 Persons hunting deer must have the gun unloaded and no bow  
20 and arrow device shall be carried with the arrow in the nocked  
21 position during hours when deer hunting is unlawful.

22 It shall be unlawful for any person, having taken the  
23 legal limit of deer by gun, to further participate with a gun  
24 in any deer hunting party.

25 It shall be unlawful for any person, having taken the  
26 legal limit of deer by bow and arrow, to further participate

1 with bow and arrow in any deer hunting party.

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

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

6 Any person who violates any of the provisions of this  
7 Section, including administrative rules, shall be guilty of a  
8 Class B misdemeanor.

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

14 For the purposes of taking white-tailed deer, nothing in  
15 this Section shall be construed to prevent the manipulation,  
16 including mowing or cutting, of standing crops as a normal  
17 agricultural or soil stabilization practice, food plots, or  
18 normal agricultural practices, including planting, harvesting,  
19 and maintenance such as cultivating or the use of products  
20 designed for scent only and not capable of ingestion, solid or  
21 liquid, placed or scattered, in such a manner as to attract or  
22 lure deer. Such manipulation for the purpose of taking  
23 white-tailed deer may be further modified by administrative  
24 rule.

25 (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-444, eff. 6-1-20;  
26 102-237, eff. 1-1-22; 102-932, eff. 1-1-23.)

1 (520 ILCS 5/2.33)

2 Sec. 2.33. Prohibitions.

3 (a) It is unlawful to carry or possess any gun in any State  
4 refuge unless otherwise permitted by administrative rule.

5 (b) It is unlawful to use or possess any snare or  
6 snare-like device, deadfall, net, or pit trap to take any  
7 species, except that snares not powered by springs or other  
8 mechanical devices may be used to trap fur-bearing mammals, in  
9 water sets only, if at least one-half of the snare noose is  
10 located underwater at all times.

11 (c) It is unlawful for any person at any time to take a  
12 wild mammal protected by this Act from its den by means of any  
13 mechanical device, spade, or digging device or to use smoke or  
14 other gases to dislodge or remove such mammal except as  
15 provided in Section 2.37.

16 (d) It is unlawful to use a ferret or any other small  
17 mammal which is used in the same or similar manner for which  
18 ferrets are used for the purpose of frightening or driving any  
19 mammals from their dens or hiding places.

20 (e) (Blank).

21 (f) It is unlawful to use spears, gigs, hooks, or any like  
22 device to take any species protected by this Act.

23 (g) It is unlawful to use poisons, chemicals, or  
24 explosives for the purpose of taking any species protected by  
25 this Act.

1 (h) It is unlawful to hunt adjacent to or near any peat,  
2 grass, brush, or other inflammable substance when it is  
3 burning.

4 (i) It is unlawful to take, pursue or intentionally harass  
5 or disturb in any manner any wild birds or mammals by use or  
6 aid of any vehicle, conveyance, or unmanned aircraft as  
7 defined by the Illinois Aeronautics Act, except as permitted  
8 by the Code of Federal Regulations for the taking of  
9 waterfowl; except that:

10 (1) nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the use  
11 of unmanned aircraft in the inspection of a public utility  
12 facility, tower, or structure or a mobile service  
13 facility, tower, or structure by a public utility, as  
14 defined in Section 3-105 of the Public Utilities Act, or a  
15 provider of mobile services as defined in Section 153 of  
16 Title 47 of the United States Code; and-

17 (2) nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the use  
18 of unmanned aircraft from being used to locate and recover  
19 wounded wild birds or wounded wild mammals if the  
20 following conditions are met:

21 (A) the wild bird or wild mammal is wounded when a  
22 properly licensed hunter has struck the animal with a  
23 projectile fired from a legal hunting device during  
24 the open season;

25 (B) any person operating the unmanned aircraft has  
26 obtained permission from the public or private

1 landowner, or the landowner's authorized  
2 representative, before launching or landing the  
3 unmanned aircraft from or on the landowner's property;

4 (C) the person operating the unmanned aircraft  
5 does not possess or control a firearm, bow, or other  
6 implement whereby wildlife could be killed or taken  
7 while afield, whether acting singly or as a group of  
8 persons while the unmanned aircraft is in flight,  
9 except this subparagraph (C) does not apply to a  
10 person lawfully carrying a concealed firearm under the  
11 Firearm Concealed Carry Act if the concealed firearm  
12 is not used to take wildlife; and

13 (D) the unmanned aircraft is operated in a manner  
14 that does not harass any wildlife.

15 An operator of an unmanned aircraft that meets the  
16 conditions under this paragraph (2) is exempt from hunting  
17 permit requirements if the operator is not the taker of  
18 the wounded animal.

19 It is also unlawful to use the lights of any vehicle or  
20 conveyance, any light connected to any vehicle or conveyance,  
21 or any other lighting device or mechanism from inside or on a  
22 vehicle or conveyance in any area where wildlife may be found  
23 except in accordance with Section 2.37 of this Act; however,  
24 nothing in this Section shall prohibit the normal use of  
25 headlamps for the purpose of driving upon a roadway. For  
26 purposes of this Section, any other lighting device or

1 mechanism shall include, but not be limited to, any device  
2 that uses infrared or other light not visible to the naked eye,  
3 electronic image intensification, active illumination, thermal  
4 imaging, or night vision. Striped skunk, opossum, red fox,  
5 gray fox, raccoon, bobcat, and coyote may be taken during the  
6 open season by use of a small light which is worn on the body  
7 or hand-held by a person on foot and not in any vehicle.

8 (j) It is unlawful to use any shotgun larger than 10 gauge  
9 while taking or attempting to take any of the species  
10 protected by this Act.

11 (k) It is unlawful to use or possess in the field any  
12 shotgun shell loaded with a shot size larger than lead BB or  
13 steel T (.20 diameter) when taking or attempting to take any  
14 species of wild game mammals (excluding white-tailed deer),  
15 wild game birds, migratory waterfowl or migratory game birds  
16 protected by this Act, except white-tailed deer as provided  
17 for in Section 2.26 and other species as provided for by  
18 subsection (l) or administrative rule.

19 (l) It is unlawful to take any species of wild game, except  
20 white-tailed deer and fur-bearing mammals, with a shotgun  
21 loaded with slugs unless otherwise provided for by  
22 administrative rule.

23 (m) It is unlawful to use any shotgun capable of holding  
24 more than 3 shells in the magazine or chamber combined, except  
25 on game breeding and hunting preserve areas licensed under  
26 Section 3.27 and except as permitted by the Code of Federal

1 Regulations for the taking of waterfowl. If the shotgun is  
2 capable of holding more than 3 shells, it shall, while being  
3 used on an area other than a game breeding and shooting  
4 preserve area licensed pursuant to Section 3.27, be fitted  
5 with a one-piece plug that is irremovable without dismantling  
6 the shotgun or otherwise altered to render it incapable of  
7 holding more than 3 shells in the magazine and chamber,  
8 combined.

9 (n) It is unlawful for any person, except persons who  
10 possess a permit to hunt from a vehicle as provided in this  
11 Section and persons otherwise permitted by law, to have or  
12 carry any gun in or on any vehicle, conveyance, or aircraft,  
13 unless such gun is unloaded and enclosed in a case, except that  
14 at field trials authorized by Section 2.34 of this Act,  
15 unloaded guns or guns loaded with blank cartridges only may be  
16 carried on horseback while not contained in a case, or to have  
17 or carry any bow or arrow device in or on any vehicle unless  
18 such bow or arrow device is unstrung or enclosed in a case, or  
19 otherwise made inoperable unless in accordance with the  
20 Firearm Concealed Carry Act.

21 (o) (Blank).

22 (p) It is unlawful to take game birds, migratory game  
23 birds or migratory waterfowl with a rifle, pistol, revolver,  
24 or air rifle.

25 (q) It is unlawful to fire a rifle, pistol, revolver, or  
26 air rifle on, over, or into any waters of this State, including

1 frozen waters.

2 (r) It is unlawful to discharge any gun or bow and arrow  
3 device along, upon, across, or from any public right-of-way or  
4 highway in this State.

5 (s) It is unlawful to use a silencer or other device to  
6 muffle or mute the sound of the explosion or report resulting  
7 from the firing of any gun.

8 (t) It is unlawful for any person to take or attempt to  
9 take any species of wildlife or parts thereof, or allow a dog  
10 to hunt, within or upon the land of another, or upon waters  
11 flowing over or standing on the land of another, or to  
12 knowingly shoot a gun or bow and arrow device at any wildlife  
13 physically on or flying over the property of another without  
14 first obtaining permission from the owner or the owner's  
15 designee. For the purposes of this Section, the owner's  
16 designee means anyone who the owner designates in a written  
17 authorization and the authorization must contain (i) the legal  
18 or common description of property for which such authority is  
19 given, (ii) the extent that the owner's designee is authorized  
20 to make decisions regarding who is allowed to take or attempt  
21 to take any species of wildlife or parts thereof, and (iii) the  
22 owner's notarized signature. Before enforcing this Section,  
23 the law enforcement officer must have received notice from the  
24 owner or the owner's designee of a violation of this Section.  
25 Statements made to the law enforcement officer regarding this  
26 notice shall not be rendered inadmissible by the hearsay rule

1 when offered for the purpose of showing the required notice.

2 (u) It is unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm  
3 for the purpose of taking any of the species protected by this  
4 Act, or hunt with gun or dog, or allow a dog to hunt, within  
5 300 yards of an inhabited dwelling without first obtaining  
6 permission from the owner or tenant, except that while  
7 trapping, hunting with bow and arrow, hunting with dog and  
8 shotgun using shot shells only, or hunting with shotgun using  
9 shot shells only, or providing outfitting services under a  
10 waterfowl outfitter permit, or on licensed game breeding and  
11 hunting preserve areas, as defined in Section 3.27, on  
12 federally owned and managed lands and on Department owned,  
13 managed, leased, or controlled lands, a 100 yard restriction  
14 shall apply.

15 (v) It is unlawful for any person to remove fur-bearing  
16 mammals from, or to move or disturb in any manner, the traps  
17 owned by another person without written authorization of the  
18 owner to do so.

19 (w) It is unlawful for any owner of a dog to allow his or  
20 her dog to pursue, harass, or kill deer, except that nothing in  
21 this Section shall prohibit the tracking of wounded deer with  
22 a dog in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.26 of this  
23 Code.

24 (x) It is unlawful for any person to wantonly or  
25 carelessly injure or destroy, in any manner whatsoever, any  
26 real or personal property on the land of another while engaged

1 in hunting or trapping thereon.

2 (y) It is unlawful to hunt wild game protected by this Act  
3 between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before  
4 sunrise, except that hunting hours between one-half hour after  
5 sunset and one-half hour before sunrise may be established by  
6 administrative rule for fur-bearing mammals.

7 (z) It is unlawful to take any game bird (excluding wild  
8 turkeys and crippled pheasants not capable of normal flight  
9 and otherwise irretrievable) protected by this Act when not  
10 flying. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a person from  
11 carrying an uncased, unloaded shotgun in a boat, while in  
12 pursuit of a crippled migratory waterfowl that is incapable of  
13 normal flight, for the purpose of attempting to reduce the  
14 migratory waterfowl to possession, provided that the attempt  
15 is made immediately upon downing the migratory waterfowl and  
16 is done within 400 yards of the blind from which the migratory  
17 waterfowl was downed. This exception shall apply only to  
18 migratory game birds that are not capable of normal flight.  
19 Migratory waterfowl that are crippled may be taken only with a  
20 shotgun as regulated by subsection (j) of this Section using  
21 shotgun shells as regulated in subsection (k) of this Section.

22 (aa) It is unlawful to use or possess any device that may  
23 be used for tree climbing or cutting while hunting fur-bearing  
24 mammals, excluding coyotes. However, coyotes may not be hunted  
25 utilizing these devices during open season for deer except by  
26 properly licensed deer hunters.

1           (bb) It is unlawful for any person, except licensed game  
2 breeders, pursuant to Section 2.29 to import, carry into, or  
3 possess alive in this State any species of wildlife taken  
4 outside of this State, without obtaining permission to do so  
5 from the Director.

6           (cc) It is unlawful for any person to have in his or her  
7 possession any freshly killed species protected by this Act  
8 during the season closed for taking.

9           (dd) It is unlawful to take any species protected by this  
10 Act and retain it alive except as provided by administrative  
11 rule.

12           (ee) It is unlawful to possess any rifle while in the field  
13 during gun deer season except as provided in Sections 2.25 and  
14 2.26 and administrative rules.

15           (ff) It is unlawful for any person to take any species  
16 protected by this Act, except migratory waterfowl, during the  
17 gun deer hunting season in those counties open to gun deer  
18 hunting, unless he or she wears, when in the field, a cap and  
19 upper outer garment of a solid blaze orange color or solid  
20 blaze pink color, with such articles of clothing displaying a  
21 minimum of 400 square inches of blaze orange or solid blaze  
22 pink color material.

23           (gg) It is unlawful during the upland game season for any  
24 person to take upland game with a firearm unless he or she  
25 wears, while in the field, a cap of solid blaze orange color or  
26 solid blaze pink color. For purposes of this Act, upland game

1 is defined as Bobwhite Quail, Hungarian Partridge, Ring-necked  
2 Pheasant, Eastern Cottontail, and Swamp Rabbit.

3 (hh) It shall be unlawful to kill or cripple any species  
4 protected by this Act for which there is a bag limit without  
5 making a reasonable effort to retrieve such species and  
6 include such in the bag limit. It shall be unlawful for any  
7 person having control over harvested game mammals, game birds,  
8 or migratory game birds for which there is a bag limit to  
9 wantonly waste or destroy the usable meat of the game, except  
10 this shall not apply to wildlife taken under Sections 2.37 or  
11 3.22 of this Code. For purposes of this subsection, "usable  
12 meat" means the breast meat of a game bird or migratory game  
13 bird and the hind ham and front shoulders of a game mammal. It  
14 shall be unlawful for any person to place, leave, dump, or  
15 abandon a wildlife carcass or parts of it along or upon a  
16 public right-of-way or highway or on public or private  
17 property, including a waterway or stream, without the  
18 permission of the owner or tenant. It shall not be unlawful to  
19 discard game meat that is determined to be unfit for human  
20 consumption.

21 (ii) This Section shall apply only to those species  
22 protected by this Act taken within the State. Any species or  
23 any parts thereof, legally taken in and transported from other  
24 states or countries, may be possessed within the State, except  
25 as provided in this Section and Sections 2.35, 2.36, and 3.21.

26 (jj) (Blank).

1           (kk) Nothing contained in this Section shall prohibit the  
2 Director from issuing permits to paraplegics or to other  
3 persons with disabilities who meet the requirements set forth  
4 in administrative rule to shoot or hunt from a vehicle as  
5 provided by that rule, provided that such is otherwise in  
6 accord with this Act.

7           (ll) Nothing contained in this Act shall prohibit the  
8 taking of aquatic life protected by the Fish and Aquatic Life  
9 Code or birds and mammals protected by this Act, except deer  
10 and fur-bearing mammals, from a boat not camouflaged or  
11 disguised to alter its identity or to further provide a place  
12 of concealment and not propelled by sail or mechanical power.  
13 However, only shotguns not larger than 10 gauge nor smaller  
14 than .410 bore loaded with not more than 3 shells of a shot  
15 size no larger than lead BB or steel T (.20 diameter) may be  
16 used to take species protected by this Act.

17           (mm) Nothing contained in this Act shall prohibit the use  
18 of a shotgun, not larger than 10 gauge nor smaller than a 20  
19 gauge, with a rifled barrel.

20           (nn) It shall be unlawful to possess any species of  
21 wildlife or wildlife parts taken unlawfully in Illinois, any  
22 other state, or any other country, whether or not the wildlife  
23 or wildlife parts are indigenous to Illinois. For the purposes  
24 of this subsection, the statute of limitations for unlawful  
25 possession of wildlife or wildlife parts shall not cease until  
26 2 years after the possession has permanently ended.

1 (oo) It is unlawful while deer hunting:

2 (1) to possess or be in close proximity to a rifle that  
3 is not centerfire; or

4 (2) to be in possession of or in close proximity to a  
5 magazine that is capable of making a rifle not a single  
6 shot.

7 (Source: P.A. 102-237, eff. 1-1-22; 102-837, eff. 5-13-22;  
8 102-932, eff. 1-1-23; 103-154, eff. 6-30-23.)

9 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes  
10 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text  
11 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section  
12 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does  
13 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes  
14 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other  
15 Public Act.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
17 2025.