



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB5439

Introduced 2/13/2026, by Rep. Tony M. McCombie

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

520 ILCS 5/1.2aaa new

520 ILCS 5/3.1-6

520 ILCS 5/3.24

from Ch. 61, par. 3.24

Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that deer, turkey, and combination permits shall be issued to specified Illinois resident landowners and tenants without charge. Provides that the total number of deer, turkey, and combination permits that may be issued by the Department of Natural Resources and the fees for those permits shall be set by rule. Provides that Illinois resident that wish to hunt only on land on which they are resident tenants shall be issued deer permits without charge for Illinois land located in a county where the Department of Natural Resources has positively identified chronic wasting disease cases in the deer herd. Provides that no person shall be issued more than (i) one either-sex deer permit and one antlerless-only deer permit for the deer firearm season and (ii) one either-sex deer permit and one antlerless-only deer permit for the deer archery season under the amendatory Act. Defines terms. Requires permits to be on a hunter's person at all times while hunting.

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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 adding Section  
5 1.2aaa and by changing Sections 3.24 and 3.1-6 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/1.2aaa new)

7 Sec. 1.2aaa. Captive-reared. "Captive-reared" means any  
8 wildlife that is born, bred, raised, or held in captivity.

9 (520 ILCS 5/3.1-6)

10 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 104-361)

11 Sec. 3.1-6. Special deer, turkey, and combination hunting  
12 licenses.

13 (a) For the purpose of this Section:

14 "Bona fide current income beneficiary" means an individual  
15 who, at the time of application for a deer permit is:

16 (1) entitled to income, whether income exists or not,  
17 from the trust that owns Illinois land on which the  
18 applicant wishes to hunt with no condition precedent, such  
19 as surviving another person or reaching a certain age,  
20 other than the trustee distributing the income; and

21 (2) listed by name in the trust documents as an income  
22 beneficiary.

1 "Bona fide equity member" means an individual who:

2 (1) (i) became a member upon the formation of the  
3 limited liability company or (ii) has purchased a  
4 distributional interest in a limited liability company for  
5 a value equal to the percentage of the appraised value of  
6 the limited liability company's LLC assets represented by  
7 the distributional interest in the limited liability  
8 company LLC and subsequently becomes a member of the  
9 company under Article 30 of the Limited Liability Company  
10 Act; and

11 (2) intends to retain the membership for at least 5  
12 years.

13 "Bona fide equity partner" means an individual who:

14 (1) (i) became a partner, either general or limited,  
15 upon the formation of a partnership or limited  
16 partnership, or (ii) has purchased, acquired, or been  
17 gifted a partnership interest accurately representing his  
18 or her percentage distributional interest in the profits,  
19 losses, and assets of a partnership or limited  
20 partnership;

21 (2) intends to retain ownership of the partnership  
22 interest for at least 5 years; and

23 (3) is a resident of this State.

24 "Bona fide equity shareholder" means an individual who:

25 (1) purchased, for market price, publicly sold stock  
26 shares in a corporation, purchased shares of a

1 privately-held corporation for a value equal to the  
2 percentage of the appraised value of the corporate assets  
3 represented by the ownership in the corporation, or is a  
4 member of a closely-held family-owned corporation and has  
5 purchased or been gifted with shares of stock in the  
6 corporation accurately reflecting his or her percentage of  
7 ownership; and

8 (2) intends to retain the ownership of the shares of  
9 stock for at least 5 years.

10 "Bona fide landowner" means a person that owns in fee  
11 simple land that is titled in his or her name.

12 "Current owners" means one or more bona fide landowners,  
13 one or more bona fide current income beneficiaries, one or  
14 more bona fide equity shareholders of a corporation, one or  
15 more bona fide equity members of a limited liability company,  
16 or one or more bona fide equity partners of a partnership that  
17 all own the same 240 acres of Illinois land.

18 "Immediate family of a bona fide landowner, a tenant, or a  
19 bona fide current income beneficiary" means the spouse,  
20 children, brothers, sisters, grandchildren, grandparents, and  
21 parents permanently residing on the same property as the bona  
22 fide landowner, tenant, or bona fide current income  
23 beneficiary.

24 "Tenant" means a person who rents 40 acres or more of  
25 Illinois land for commercial agricultural purposes under a  
26 written notarized agreement with the landowners

1       (b) Landowner deer and turkey permits shall be issued  
2 without charge to an Illinois resident that owns at least 40  
3 acres of Illinois land and that wishes to hunt on the land that  
4 Illinois resident owns. Deer permits issued under this  
5 subsection shall consist of (i) one either-sex deer permit and  
6 one antlerless-only deer permit for the deer firearm season  
7 and (ii) one either-sex deer permit and one antlerless-only  
8 permit for the archery deer season. Land ownership shall be  
9 accepted by the Department for:

10           (1) bona fide landowners;

11           (2) bona fide current income beneficiaries of a trust  
12 where the trust owns Illinois land; and

13           (3) bona fide equity shareholders of a corporation,  
14 bona fide equity members of a limited liability company,  
15 or bona fide equity partners of a general or limited  
16 partnership that owns Illinois land.

17       (b-5) Tenant deer and turkey permits shall be issued  
18 without charge to Illinois resident tenants of at least 40  
19 acres of commercial agricultural land that wish to hunt only  
20 on the land of which they are resident tenants. Deer permits  
21 issued under this subsection shall consist of (i) one  
22 either-sex deer permit and one antlerless-only deer permit for  
23 the deer firearm season and (ii) one either-sex deer permit  
24 and one antlerless-only deer permit for the archery deer  
25 season.

26       (b-10) The total number of deer or turkey permits that may

1 be issued to a person under this Section shall be established  
2 by administrative rule.

3 (b-15) Bona fide landowners, bona fide equity  
4 shareholders, bona fide equity members, bona fide current  
5 income beneficiaries of a trust, or bona fide equity partners  
6 who do not wish to hunt only on the land that they are  
7 authorized to hunt on under a permit issued pursuant to  
8 subsection (b) shall be limited by administrative rule as to  
9 any other deer or turkey permit that they may be eligible to  
10 receive. Tenants who do not wish to hunt only on the land that  
11 they are authorized to hunt on under a permit issued pursuant  
12 to subsection (b-5) shall be limited by administrative rule as  
13 to any other deer or turkey permit that they may be eligible to  
14 receive.

15 (b-20) Nonresidents of this State who own at least 40  
16 acres of land as a bona fide landowner, a bona fide current  
17 income beneficiary of a trust, a bona fide equity shareholder,  
18 or a bona fide equity member and wish to hunt on their land  
19 only shall be charged a fee set by administrative rule. The  
20 method for obtaining these permits shall be prescribed by  
21 administrative rule.

22 (c) A deer or turkey hunting permit issued under  
23 subsection (b), (b-20), (g), or (i) shall be valid on all  
24 Illinois lands where the person to whom it is issued owns the  
25 land, including land owned by the individual as a bona fide  
26 landowner, land owned as a bona fide equity shareholder of a

1 corporation, land owned by the individual as a bona fide  
2 equity member of a limited liability company, and land owned  
3 by the individual as an Illinois resident as a bona fide equity  
4 partner of a partnership.

5 (d) Except for a person hunting under a permit issued  
6 under subsection (e) or (f), while hunting under a permit  
7 issued under this Section, a person must carry the permit and  
8 documentation showing proof that the person is a bona fide  
9 landowner, a bona fide equity shareholder of a corporation, a  
10 bona fide equity member of a limited liability company, a bona  
11 fide current income beneficiary, a bona fide equity partner of  
12 a general or limited partnership, or a tenant. While hunting  
13 under a permit issued under subsection (e) or (f), a person  
14 must carry the permit and documentation showing that the  
15 person is actively hunting on land covered by the permit.

16 (e) The Department may, by administrative rule, issue  
17 permits under this Section to the immediate family of a bona  
18 fide landowner, a bona fide current income beneficiary, or a  
19 tenant.

20 (f) For every 240 acres of Illinois land owned by the  
21 current owners, the Department may issue one guest either-sex  
22 deer permit and one guest antlerless-only deer permit. The  
23 guest permits shall be for the same deer hunting season and for  
24 the same method of take as issued to the current owner. A guest  
25 permit shall be issued to an individual who is not a current  
26 owner and is listed on the application for the issuance of

1 quest deer hunting permits by a current owner. An individual  
2 designated by a current owner must meet all the eligibility  
3 requirements to hunt under this Code and shall pay all fees  
4 required under Section 2.26 for the permits issued, including  
5 non-resident fees if that individual is a non-resident.  
6 Permits issued under this subsection may not be offered for  
7 resale by the landowner receiving the permit and are  
8 nontransferable. No more than 5 individuals, regardless of the  
9 total number of the 240 acres of Illinois land owned by the  
10 current owners, may be issued quest permits under this  
11 subsection.

12 (g) Landowner deer permits shall be issued without charge  
13 to an Illinois resident that owns at least 20 acres of Illinois  
14 land located in a county where the Department has positively  
15 identified chronic wasting disease cases in the deer herd, and  
16 the Illinois resident wishes to hunt only on the land that he  
17 or she owns. Deer permits issued under this subsection shall  
18 consist of (i) one either-sex deer permit and one  
19 antlerless-only deer permit for the deer firearm season and  
20 (ii) one either-sex deer permit and one antlerless-only deer  
21 permit for the archery deer season. Land ownership shall only  
22 be accepted by the Department for:

23 (1) bona fide landowners;

24 (2) bona fide current income beneficiaries of a trust  
25 where the trust owns land in the State; and

26 (3) bona fide equity shareholders of a corporation,

1       bona fide equity members of a limited liability company,  
2       or bona fide equity partners of a general or limited  
3       partnership which owns land in the State.

4       (h) Tenant deer permits shall be issued without charge to  
5       Illinois resident tenants of at least 20 acres of Illinois  
6       land located in a county where the Department has positively  
7       identified chronic wasting disease cases in the deer herd and  
8       the tenant wishes to hunt only on the land of which he or she  
9       is a resident tenant. Deer permits issued under this  
10       subsection shall consist of (i) one either-sex deer permit and  
11       one antlerless-only deer permit for the deer firearm season  
12       and (ii) one either-sex deer permit and one antlerless-only  
13       deer permit for the archery deer season.

14       ~~(b) Landowner deer, turkey, and combination permits shall~~  
15       ~~be issued without charge to:~~

16               ~~(1) Illinois landowners residing in this State who own~~  
17               ~~at least 40 acres of Illinois land and wish to hunt upon~~  
18               ~~their land only;~~

19               ~~(2) resident tenants of at least 40 acres of~~  
20               ~~commercial agricultural land where they will hunt; and~~

21               ~~(3) bona fide equity shareholders of a corporation,~~  
22               ~~bona fide equity members of a limited liability company,~~  
23               ~~or bona fide equity partners of a general or limited~~  
24               ~~partnership which owns at least 40 acres of land in a~~  
25               ~~county in this State who wish to hunt on the~~  
26               ~~corporation's, company's, or partnership's land only. One~~

1 ~~permit shall be issued without charge to one bona fide~~  
2 ~~equity shareholder, one bona fide equity member, or one~~  
3 ~~bona fide equity partner for each 40 acres of land owned by~~  
4 ~~the corporation, company, or partnership in a county;~~  
5 ~~however, the number of permits issued without charge to~~  
6 ~~bona fide equity shareholders of any corporation or bona~~  
7 ~~fide equity members of a limited liability company in any~~  
8 ~~county shall not exceed 15, and shall not exceed 3 in the~~  
9 ~~case of bona fide equity partners of a partnership.~~

10 ~~Bona fide landowners or tenants who do not wish to hunt~~  
11 ~~only on the land they own, rent, or lease or bona fide equity~~  
12 ~~shareholders, bona fide equity members, or bona fide equity~~  
13 ~~partners who do not wish to hunt only on the land owned by the~~  
14 ~~corporation, limited liability company, or partnership shall~~  
15 ~~be charged the same fee as the applicant who is not a~~  
16 ~~landowner, tenant, bona fide equity shareholder, bona fide~~  
17 ~~equity member, or bona fide equity partner. Nonresidents of~~  
18 ~~this State who own at least 40 acres of land and wish to hunt~~  
19 ~~on their land only shall be charged a fee set by administrative~~  
20 ~~rule. The method for obtaining these permits shall be~~  
21 ~~prescribed by administrative rule.~~

22 (i) (b-5) Landowner deer permits shall be issued to  
23 nonresidents of this State who own at least 20 acres of land  
24 located in a county where the Department has positively  
25 identified chronic wasting disease cases in the deer herd, and  
26 the nonresident wishes to hunt on their land only. The

1 nonresident shall be charged a fee set by administrative rule.  
2 The method for obtaining these permits shall be prescribed by  
3 administrative rule. without charge to:

4 ~~(1) Illinois landowners residing in this State who own~~  
5 ~~at least 20 acres of Illinois land that is located in a~~  
6 ~~county where the Department has positively identified~~  
7 ~~chronic wasting disease cases in the deer herd, and who~~  
8 ~~wish to hunt upon their land only;~~

9 ~~(2) resident tenants of at least 20 acres of~~  
10 ~~commercial agricultural land that is located in a county~~  
11 ~~where the Department has positively identified chronic~~  
12 ~~wasting disease cases in the deer herd where they will~~  
13 ~~hunt and who wish to hunt upon the land they are tenants of~~  
14 ~~only; and~~

15 ~~(3) bona fide equity shareholders of a corporation,~~  
16 ~~bona fide equity members of a limited liability company,~~  
17 ~~or bona fide equity partners of a general or limited~~  
18 ~~partnership which owns at least 20 acres of land in a~~  
19 ~~county in this State where the Department has positively~~  
20 ~~identified chronic wasting disease cases in the deer herd~~  
21 ~~and who wish to hunt on the corporation's, company's, or~~  
22 ~~partnership's land only. One permit shall be issued~~  
23 ~~without charge to one bona fide equity shareholder, one~~  
24 ~~bona fide equity member, or one bona fide equity partner~~  
25 ~~for each 20 acres of land owned by the corporation,~~  
26 ~~company, or partnership in a county; however, the number~~

1 ~~of permits issued without charge to bona fide equity~~  
2 ~~shareholders of any corporation or bona fide equity~~  
3 ~~members of a limited liability company in any county shall~~  
4 ~~not exceed 15, and shall not exceed 3 in the case of bona~~  
5 ~~fide equity partners of a partnership.~~

6 ~~Bona fide landowners or tenants who do not wish to~~  
7 ~~hunt only on the land they own, rent, or lease or bona fide~~  
8 ~~equity shareholders, bona fide equity members, or bona~~  
9 ~~fide equity partners who do not wish to hunt only on the~~  
10 ~~land owned by the corporation, limited liability company,~~  
11 ~~or partnership shall be charged the same fee as the~~  
12 ~~applicant who is not a landowner, tenant, bona fide equity~~  
13 ~~shareholder, bona fide equity member, or bona fide equity~~  
14 ~~partner.~~

15 ~~Nonresidents of this State who own at least 20 acres of~~  
16 ~~land where the Department has positively identified chronic~~  
17 ~~wasting disease cases in the deer herd and who wish to hunt on~~  
18 ~~their land only shall be charged a fee set by administrative~~  
19 ~~rule. The method for obtaining these permits shall be~~  
20 ~~prescribed by administrative rule.~~

21 ~~(c) The deer, turkey, or combination hunting permit issued~~  
22 ~~without fee shall be valid on all farm lands which the person~~  
23 ~~to whom it is issued owns, leases or rents, except that in the~~  
24 ~~case of a permit issued to a bona fide equity shareholder, bona~~  
25 ~~fide equity member, or bona fide equity partner, the permit~~  
26 ~~shall be valid on all lands owned by the corporation, limited~~

1 ~~liability company, or partnership in the county.~~

2 (j) The Department may adopt rules to administer and  
3 enforce this Section, including, but not limited to,  
4 application requirements, proof of ownership requirements,  
5 proof of residency requirements, eligibility requirements,  
6 restrictions, and suspension and revocation of permits.

7 (k) No person shall be issued more than (i) one either-sex  
8 deer permit and one antlerless-only deer permit for the deer  
9 firearm season and (ii) one either-sex deer permit and one  
10 antlerless-only deer permit for the deer archery season under  
11 this Section.

12 (Source: P.A. 104-59, eff. 1-1-26; revised 9-15-25.)

13 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 104-361)

14 Sec. 3.1-6. Landowner or tenant deer and turkey hunting  
15 permits.

16 (a) For the purpose of this Section:

17 "Bona fide current income beneficiary" means an individual  
18 who, at the time of application for a deer permit, is:

19 (1) entitled to income, whether income exists or not,  
20 from the trust that owns Illinois land on which the  
21 applicant wishes to hunt with no condition precedent, such  
22 as surviving another person or reaching a certain age,  
23 other than the trustee distributing the income; and

24 (2) listed by name in the trust documents as an income  
25 beneficiary.

1 "Bona fide equity member" means an individual who:

2 (1) (i) became a member upon the formation of the  
3 limited liability company or (ii) has purchased a  
4 distributional interest in a limited liability company for  
5 a value equal to the percentage of the appraised value of  
6 the limited liability company's LLC assets represented by  
7 the distributional interest in the limited liability  
8 company LLC and subsequently becomes a member of the  
9 company under Article 30 of the Limited Liability Company  
10 Act; and

11 (2) intends to retain the membership for at least 5  
12 years.

13 "Bona fide equity partner" means an individual who:

14 (1) (i) became a partner, either general or limited,  
15 upon the formation of a partnership or limited  
16 partnership, or (ii) has purchased, acquired, or been  
17 gifted a partnership interest accurately representing his  
18 or her percentage distributional interest in the profits,  
19 losses, and assets of a partnership or limited  
20 partnership;

21 (2) intends to retain ownership of the partnership  
22 interest for at least 5 years; and

23 (3) is a resident of this State.

24 "Bona fide equity shareholder" means an individual who:

25 (1) purchased, for market price, publicly sold stock  
26 shares in a corporation, purchased shares of a

1 privately-held corporation for a value equal to the  
2 percentage of the appraised value of the corporate assets  
3 represented by the ownership in the corporation, or is a  
4 member of a closely-held family-owned corporation and has  
5 purchased or been gifted with shares of stock in the  
6 corporation accurately reflecting his or her percentage of  
7 ownership; and

8 (2) intends to retain the ownership of the shares of  
9 stock for at least 5 years.

10 "Bona fide landowner" means a person that owns land in fee  
11 simple and the land is titled in their name.

12 "Current owners" means one or more bona fide landowners,  
13 one or more bona fide current income beneficiaries, one or  
14 more bona fide equity shareholders of a corporation, one or  
15 more bona fide equity members of a limited liability company,  
16 or one or more bona fide equity partners of a partnership that  
17 all own the same 240 acres of Illinois land.

18 "Immediate family of a bona fide landowner, a tenant, or a  
19 bona fide current income beneficiary" means the spouse,  
20 children, brothers, sisters, grandchildren, grandparents, and  
21 parents permanently residing on the same property as the bona  
22 fide landowner, tenant, or bona fide current income  
23 beneficiary.

24 "Tenant" means a person who rents 40 acres or more of  
25 Illinois land for commercial agricultural purposes under a  
26 written notarized agreement with the landowner.

1 (b) Landowner deer and turkey permits shall be issued  
2 without charge to an Illinois resident that owns at least 40  
3 acres of Illinois land and that wishes to hunt only on the land  
4 that Illinois resident owns. Deer permits issued under this  
5 subsection ~~Section~~ shall consist of (i) one either-sex deer  
6 permit and one antlerless-only deer permit for the deer  
7 firearm season and (ii) one either-sex permit and one  
8 antlerless-only deer permit for the archery deer season. Land  
9 ownership shall only be accepted by the Department for:

10 (1) bona fide landowners;

11 (2) bona fide current income beneficiaries of a trust  
12 in which the trust owns Illinois land; and

13 (3) bona fide equity shareholders of a corporation,  
14 bona fide equity members of a limited liability company,  
15 or bona fide equity partners of a general or limited  
16 partnership which owns Illinois land ~~land in this State~~.

17 (b-5) (Blank). ~~Landowner deer permits shall be issued~~  
18 ~~without charge to:~~

19 ~~(1) Illinois landowners residing in this State who own~~  
20 ~~at least 20 acres of Illinois land that is located in a~~  
21 ~~county where the Department has positively identified~~  
22 ~~chronic wasting disease cases in the deer herd, and who~~  
23 ~~wish to hunt upon their land only;~~

24 ~~(2) resident tenants of at least 20 acres of~~  
25 ~~commercial agricultural land that is located in a county~~  
26 ~~where the Department has positively identified chronic~~

1 ~~wasting disease cases in the deer herd where they will~~  
2 ~~hunt and who wish to hunt upon the land they are tenants of~~  
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12 ~~without charge to one bona fide equity shareholder, one~~  
13 ~~bona fide equity member, or one bona fide equity partner~~  
14 ~~for each 20 acres of land owned by the corporation,~~  
15 ~~company, or partnership in a county; however, the number~~  
16 ~~of permits issued without charge to bona fide equity~~  
17 ~~shareholders of any corporation or bona fide equity~~  
18 ~~members of a limited liability company in any county shall~~  
19 ~~not exceed 15, and shall not exceed 3 in the case of bona~~  
20 ~~fide equity partners of a partnership.~~

21 ~~Bona fide landowners or tenants who do not wish to~~  
22 ~~hunt only on the land they own, rent, or lease or bona fide~~  
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25 ~~land owned by the corporation, limited liability company,~~  
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6 ~~wasting disease cases in the deer herd and who wish to hunt on~~  
7 ~~their land only shall be charged a fee set by administrative~~  
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9 ~~prescribed by administrative rule.~~

10 (b-10) ~~(b-5)~~ Tenant deer and turkey permits shall be  
11 issued without charge to Illinois resident tenants of at least  
12 40 acres of commercial agricultural land who ~~that~~ wish to hunt  
13 only on the land of which they are resident tenants. Deer  
14 permits issued under this subsection ~~Section~~ shall consist of  
15 (i) one either-sex deer permit and one antlerless-only deer  
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12 ~~income beneficiaries of a trust, or bona fide equity partners~~  
13 ~~who do not wish to hunt only on the land owned by the~~  
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15 ~~shall be charged the same fee as the applicant who is not a~~  
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17 ~~equity shareholder, bona fide equity member, bona fide current~~  
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20 a bona fide landowner, a bona fide current income beneficiary  
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26 (c) A deer or turkey hunting permit issued under

1 subsection (b), (b-20), (g), or (i) without fee shall be valid  
2 on all Illinois lands where ~~which~~ the person to whom it is  
3 issued owns the land, including land owned by the individual  
4 as a bona fide landowner, land owned as a bona fide equity  
5 shareholder of a corporation, land owned by the individual as  
6 a bona fide equity member of a limited liability company, and  
7 land owned by the individual as an Illinois resident as a bona  
8 fide equity partner of a partnership.

9 (d) Except for a person hunting under a permit issued  
10 under subsection (e) or (f), while hunting under a permit  
11 issued under this Section, a person must carry the permit and  
12 documentation showing proof ~~of~~ that the person is a bona fide  
13 landowner, a bona fide equity shareholder of a corporation, a  
14 bona fide equity member of a limited liability company, a bona  
15 fide current income beneficiary, a bona fide equity partner  
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21 (e) The Department may, by administrative rule, issue  
22 permits under this Section to the immediate family of a bona  
23 fide landowner, a bona fide current income beneficiary, or  
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25 (f) For every 240 acres of Illinois land owned by the  
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4 permit shall be issued to an individual who is not a current  
5 owner and is listed on the application for the issuance of  
6 guest deer hunting permits by a current owner. An individual  
7 designated by a current owner must meet all the eligibility  
8 requirements to hunt under this Code and shall pay all fees  
9 required under Section 2.26 for the permits issued, including  
10 non-resident fees if that individual is a non-resident.  
11 Permits issued under this subsection may not be offered for  
12 resale by the landowner receiving the permit and are  
13 nontransferable. No more than 5 individuals, regardless of the  
14 total number of 240 acres of Illinois land owned by the current  
15 owners, may be issued guest permits under this subsection.

16 (g) Landowner deer permits shall be issued without charge  
17 to an Illinois resident that owns at least 20 acres of Illinois  
18 land located in a county where the Department has positively  
19 identified chronic wasting disease cases in the deer herd, and  
20 the Illinois resident wishes to hunt only on the land that he  
21 or she owns. Deer permits issued under this subsection shall  
22 consist of (i) one either-sex deer permit and one  
23 antlerless-only deer permit for the deer firearm season and  
24 (ii) one either-sex deer permit and one antlerless-only deer  
25 permit for the archery deer season. Land ownership shall only  
26 be accepted by the Department for:

- 1           (1) bona fide landowners;  
2           (2) bona fide current income beneficiaries of a trust  
3           where the trust owns Illinois land; and  
4           (3) bona fide equity shareholders of a corporation,  
5           bona fide equity members of a limited liability company,  
6           or bona fide equity partners of a general or limited  
7           partnership which owns land in the State.

8           (h) Tenant deer permits shall be issued without charge to  
9           Illinois resident tenants of at least 20 acres of Illinois  
10           land located in a county where the Department has positively  
11           identified chronic wasting disease cases in the deer herd and  
12           the tenant wishes to hunt only on the land of which he or she  
13           is a resident tenant. Deer permits issued under this  
14           subsection shall consist of (i) one either-sex deer permit and  
15           one antlerless-only deer permit for the deer firearm season  
16           and (ii) one either-sex deer permit and one antlerless-only  
17           deer permit for the archery deer season.

18           (i) Landowner deer permits shall be issued to nonresidents  
19           of this State who own at least 20 acres of land located in a  
20           county where the Department has positively identified chronic  
21           wasting disease cases in the deer herd, and the nonresident  
22           wishes to hunt on their land only, shall be charged a fee set  
23           by administrative rule. The method for obtaining these permits  
24           shall be prescribed by administrative rule.

25           (j) ~~(g)~~ The Department may adopt rules to administer and  
26           enforce this Section, including, but not limited to,

1 application requirements, proof of ownership requirements,  
2 proof of residency requirements, eligibility requirements,  
3 restrictions, and suspension and revocation of permits.

4 (k) ~~(h)~~ No person shall be issued more than (i) one  
5 either-sex deer permit and one antlerless-only deer permit for  
6 the deer firearm season and (ii) one either-sex deer permit  
7 and one antlerless-only deer permit for the deer archery  
8 season under this Section.

9 (Source: P.A. 104-59, eff. 1-1-26; 104-361, eff. 1-1-27;  
10 revised 9-15-25.)

11 (520 ILCS 5/3.24) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.24)

12 Sec. 3.24. Before any person, except permittees under  
13 Section 3.23 of this Act, shall engage in buying, selling or  
14 processing of captive-reared game birds, captive-reared  
15 migratory game birds, captive-reared game mammals, or legally  
16 taken furbearers ~~wild game~~ for the purpose of buying, selling  
17 or shipping the same, including the carcasses of fur-bearing  
18 mammals, for public consumption, he shall first procure a  
19 license to do so from the Department. ~~Dealers in deer, or any~~  
20 ~~parts thereof, legally taken and possessed in and transported~~  
21 ~~from, other states, shall also be licensed under the~~  
22 ~~provisions of this Section. All such deer, or parts thereof,~~  
23 ~~shall be marked with permanent irremovable tags, or similar~~  
24 ~~devices, to establish and retain their origin and identity.~~

25 The terms "buying or selling" include buying or selling by

1 hotel keepers, restaurant keepers and others engaged in buying  
2 or selling prepared foods for consumption.

3 A permit shall be procured for each separate market or  
4 place of business operated by any person who sells  
5 captive-reared game birds, captive-reared migratory game  
6 birds, captive-reared game mammals, or legally taken  
7 furbearers ~~wild game~~ for public consumption and for each  
8 vehicle from which captive-reared game birds, captive-reared  
9 migratory game birds, captive-reared game mammals, or legally  
10 taken furbearers ~~game or fur bearing mammals~~ are sold. Such  
11 permits shall be conspicuously displayed at all times.

12 This permit shall be known as a processed wild game  
13 dealer's permit. It shall be issued by the Department for a fee  
14 of \$25.00 annually and shall expire on March 31st of each year.  
15 The Department may prescribe the necessary forms as may be  
16 desirable for the maintenance of records by the licensee, to  
17 record all transactions in wild game that may be marketed  
18 under the provisions of the laws of this State and game  
19 imported legally from other states.

20 Nothing in this Section shall be construed to give the  
21 holder of a processed wild game dealer's permit authority to  
22 take or sell game birds, migratory game birds, game mammals or  
23 fur-bearing mammals in their wild state contrary to other  
24 provisions of this Act. The person in possession of such game  
25 birds, migratory game birds, game mammals, or fur-bearing ~~and~~  
26 mammals has the burden of proving the legality of their ~~his~~

1 possession.

2 No person shall sell the carcasses, or parts thereof, of  
3 game birds, migratory game birds, or game mammals in their  
4 wild state for public consumption.

5 (Source: P.A. 84-150.)

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