



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB3640

Introduced 2/5/2026, by Sen. Patrick J. Joyce

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 its fee shall be set by rule. Provides that Illinois resident that wish to hunt only on the land of 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 this amendatory Act. Defines terms and adds tenants, bona fide current income beneficiaries of a trust, and bona fide landowners to certain provisions. Requires permits under the amendatory Act 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 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 bon fide landowner, 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:

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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.~~

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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~~
3 ~~only; and~~

4 ~~(3) bona fide equity shareholders of a corporation,~~
5 ~~bona fide equity members of a limited liability company,~~
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9 ~~identified chronic wasting disease cases in the deer herd~~
10 ~~and who wish to hunt on the corporation's, company's, or~~
11 ~~partnership's land only. One permit shall be issued~~
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~~
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21 ~~Bona fide landowners or tenants who do not wish to~~
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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
16 permit for the deer firearm season and (ii) one either-sex
17 deer permit and one antlerless-only deer permit for the
18 archery deer season.

19 (b-15) ~~(b-10)~~ The total number of deer or turkey permits
20 that may be issued to a person under this Section shall be
21 established by administrative rule.

22 (b-20) Bona fide landowners, bona fide equity
23 shareholders, bona fide equity members, bona fide current
24 income beneficiaries of a trust, or bona fide equity partners
25 who do not wish to hunt only on the land that they are
26 authorized to hunt on under a permit issued pursuant to

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4 they are authorized to hunt on under a permit issued pursuant
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6 to any other deer or turkey permit that they may be eligible to
7 receive.

8 (b-25) (b-15) Bona fide landowners who do not wish to hunt
9 only on the land they own, tenants who do not wish to hunt only
10 on the land they rent or lease, or bona fide equity
11 shareholders, bona fide equity members, bona fide current
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
14 corporation, limited liability company, trust, or partnership
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26 (c) A deer or turkey hunting permit issued under

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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
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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.