

# SB1716



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB1716

Introduced 2/9/2017, by Sen. Dale Fowler

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

520 ILCS 5/2.25

from Ch. 61, par. 2.25

Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that the Director of the Department of Natural Resources shall establish an open season for the taking of deer with shotgun, handgun, or muzzleloading rifle which shall be at least 10 consecutive days.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning wildlife.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing Section  
5 2.25 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/2.25) (from Ch. 61, par. 2.25)

7 Sec. 2.25. It shall be unlawful for any person to take deer  
8 except (i) with a shotgun, handgun, or muzzleloading rifle or  
9 (ii) as provided by administrative rule, with a bow and arrow,  
10 during the open season of not more than 14 days which will be  
11 set annually by the Director between the dates of November 1st  
12 and December 31st, both inclusive, or a special 3-day,  
13 youth-only season between the dates of September 1 and October  
14 31. The Director shall establish an open season for the taking  
15 of deer with shotgun, handgun, or muzzleloading rifle which  
16 shall be at least 10 consecutive days. For the purposes of this  
17 Section, legal handguns include any centerfire handguns of .30  
18 caliber or larger with a minimum barrel length of 4 inches. The  
19 only legal ammunition for a centerfire handgun is a cartridge  
20 of .30 caliber or larger with a capability of at least 500 foot  
21 pounds of energy at the muzzle. Full metal jacket bullets may  
22 not be used to harvest deer.

23 The Department shall make administrative rules concerning

1 management restrictions applicable to the firearm and bow and  
2 arrow season.

3 It shall be unlawful for any person to take deer except  
4 with a bow and arrow during the open season for bow and arrow  
5 set annually by the Director between the dates of September 1st  
6 and January 31st, both inclusive.

7 It shall be unlawful for any person to take deer except  
8 with (i) a muzzleloading rifle or (ii) bow and arrow during the  
9 open season for muzzleloading rifles set annually by the  
10 Director.

11 The Director shall cause an administrative rule setting  
12 forth the prescribed rules and regulations, including bag and  
13 possession limits and those counties of the State where open  
14 seasons are established, to be published in accordance with  
15 Sections 1.3 and 1.13 of this Act.

16 The Department may establish separate harvest periods for  
17 the purpose of managing or eradicating disease that has been  
18 found in the deer herd. This season shall be restricted to gun  
19 or bow and arrow hunting only. The Department shall publicly  
20 announce, via statewide news release, the season dates and  
21 shooting hours, the counties and sites open to hunting, permit  
22 requirements, application dates, hunting rules, legal weapons,  
23 and reporting requirements.

24 The Department is authorized to establish a separate  
25 harvest period at specific sites within the State for the  
26 purpose of harvesting surplus deer that cannot be taken during

1 the regular season provided for the taking of deer. This season  
2 shall be restricted to gun or bow and arrow hunting only and  
3 shall be established during the period of September 1st to  
4 February 15th, both inclusive. The Department shall publish  
5 suitable prescribed rules and regulations established by  
6 administrative rule pertaining to management restrictions  
7 applicable to this special harvest program. The Department  
8 shall allow unused gun deer permits that are left over from a  
9 regular season for the taking of deer to be rolled over and  
10 used during any separate harvest period held within 6 months of  
11 the season for which those tags were issued at no additional  
12 cost to the permit holder subject to the management  
13 restrictions applicable to the special harvest program.

14 (Source: P.A. 97-907, eff. 8-7-12; 98-368, eff. 8-16-13.)