

**SB3393**



**101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2019 and 2020**

**SB3393**

Introduced 2/14/2020, by Sen. Patrick J. Joyce

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

515 ILCS 5/20-45

from Ch. 56, par. 20-45

Amends the Fish and Aquatic Life Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2021 license year, resident veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have returned from service abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States shall be issued a fishing license, or a sportsmen's combination license, free of charge. Requires veterans to provide verification of their service to the Department of Natural Resources. Provides that the Department shall establish what constitutes suitable verification of service for the purpose of issuing a fishing license or a sportsmen's combination license free of charge to resident veterans. Effective January 1, 2021.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

**A BILL FOR**

1 AN ACT concerning fish.

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

4 Section 5. The Fish and Aquatic Life Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 20-45 as follows:

6 (515 ILCS 5/20-45) (from Ch. 56, par. 20-45)

7 Sec. 20-45. License fees for residents. Fees for licenses  
8 for residents of the State of Illinois shall be as follows:

9 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, for  
10 sport fishing devices as defined in Section 10-95 or  
11 spearing devices as defined in Section 10-110, the fee is  
12 \$14.50 for individuals 16 to 64 years old, one-half of the  
13 current fishing license fee for individuals age 65 or  
14 older, and, beginning with the 2021 license year, resident  
15 veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have  
16 returned from service abroad or mobilization by the  
17 President of the United States shall be issued a fishing  
18 license free of charge. ~~commencing with the 2012 license~~  
19 ~~year, one-half of the current fishing license fee for~~  
20 ~~resident veterans of the United States Armed Forces after~~  
21 ~~returning from service abroad or mobilization by the~~  
22 ~~President of the United States.~~ Veterans must provide, to  
23 the Department at one of the Department's 5 regional

1 offices, verification of their service. The Department  
2 shall establish what constitutes suitable verification of  
3 service for the purpose of issuing fishing licenses to  
4 resident veterans free of charge ~~at a reduced fee~~.

5 (a-5) The fee for all sport fishing licenses shall be  
6 \$1 for residents over 75 years of age.

7 (b) All residents before using any commercial fishing  
8 device shall obtain a commercial fishing license, the fee  
9 for which shall be \$60 and a resident fishing license, the  
10 fee for which is \$14.50. Each and every commercial device  
11 used shall be licensed by a resident commercial fisherman  
12 as follows:

13 (1) For each 100 lineal yards, or fraction thereof,  
14 of seine the fee is \$18. For each minnow seine, minnow  
15 trap, or net for commercial purposes the fee is \$20.

16 (2) For each device to fish with a 100 hook trot  
17 line device, basket trap, hoop net, or dip net the fee  
18 is \$3.

19 (3) When used in the waters of Lake Michigan, for  
20 the first 2000 lineal feet, or fraction thereof, of  
21 gill net the fee is \$10; and for each 1000 additional  
22 lineal feet, or fraction thereof, the fee is \$10. These  
23 fees shall apply to all gill nets in use in the water  
24 or on drying reels on the shore.

25 (4) For each 100 lineal yards, or fraction thereof,  
26 of gill net or trammel net the fee is \$18.

1 (c) Residents of the State of Illinois may obtain a  
2 sportsmen's combination license that shall entitle the  
3 holder to the same non-commercial fishing privileges as  
4 residents holding a license as described in subsection (a)  
5 of this Section and to the same hunting privileges as  
6 residents holding a license to hunt all species as  
7 described in Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code. No  
8 sportsmen's combination license shall be issued to any  
9 individual who would be ineligible for either the fishing  
10 or hunting license separately. The sportsmen's combination  
11 license fee shall be \$25.50. For residents age 65 or older,  
12 the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a sportsmen's  
13 combination license. Beginning with the 2021 license year,  
14 resident veterans of the United States Armed Forces who  
15 have returned from service abroad or mobilization by the  
16 President of the United States shall be issued a  
17 sportsmen's combination license free of charge. ~~For~~  
18 ~~resident veterans of the United States Armed Forces after~~  
19 ~~returning from service abroad or mobilization by the~~  
20 ~~President of the United States, the fee, commencing with~~  
21 ~~the 2012 license year, is one half of the fee charged for a~~  
22 ~~sportsmen's combination license.~~ Veterans must provide to  
23 the Department, at one of the Department's 5 regional  
24 offices, verification of their service. The Department  
25 shall establish what constitutes suitable verification of  
26 service for the purpose of issuing sportsmen's combination

1 licenses to resident veterans free of charge. ~~at a reduced~~  
2 ~~fee.~~

3 (d) For 24 hours of fishing by sport fishing devices as  
4 defined in Section 10-95 or by spearing devices as defined  
5 in Section 10-110 the fee is \$5. This license does not  
6 exempt the licensee from the requirement for a salmon or  
7 inland trout stamp. The licenses provided for by this  
8 subsection are not required for residents of the State of  
9 Illinois who have obtained the license provided for in  
10 subsection (a) of this Section.

11 (e) All residents before using any commercial mussel  
12 device shall obtain a commercial mussel license, the fee  
13 for which shall be \$50.

14 (f) Residents of this State, upon establishing  
15 residency as required by the Department, may obtain a  
16 lifetime hunting or fishing license or lifetime  
17 sportsmen's combination license which shall entitle the  
18 holder to the same non-commercial fishing privileges as  
19 residents holding a license as described in paragraph (a)  
20 of this Section and to the same hunting privileges as  
21 residents holding a license to hunt all species as  
22 described in Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code. No lifetime  
23 sportsmen's combination license shall be issued to or  
24 retained by any individual who would be ineligible for  
25 either the fishing or hunting license separately, either  
26 upon issuance, or in any year a violation would subject an

1 individual to have either or both fishing or hunting  
2 privileges rescinded. The lifetime hunting and fishing  
3 license fees shall be as follows:

4 (1) Lifetime fishing: 30 x the current fishing  
5 license fee.

6 (2) Lifetime hunting: 30 x the current hunting  
7 license fee.

8 (3) Lifetime sportsmen's combination license: 30 x  
9 the current sportsmen's combination license fee.

10 Lifetime licenses shall not be refundable. A \$10 fee shall  
11 be charged for reissuing any lifetime license. The Department  
12 may establish rules and regulations for the issuance and use of  
13 lifetime licenses and may suspend or revoke any lifetime  
14 license issued under this Section for violations of those rules  
15 or regulations or other provisions under this Code or the  
16 Wildlife Code. Individuals under 16 years of age who possess a  
17 lifetime hunting or sportsmen's combination license shall have  
18 in their possession, while in the field, a certificate of  
19 competency as required under Section 3.2 of the Wildlife Code.  
20 Any lifetime license issued under this Section shall not exempt  
21 individuals from obtaining additional stamps or permits  
22 required under the provisions of this Code or the Wildlife  
23 Code. Individuals required to purchase additional stamps shall  
24 sign the stamps and have them in their possession while fishing  
25 or hunting with a lifetime license. All fees received from the  
26 issuance of lifetime licenses shall be deposited in the Fish

1 and Wildlife Endowment Fund.

2 Except for licenses issued under subsection (e) of this  
3 Section, all licenses provided for in this Section shall expire  
4 on March 31 of each year, except that the license provided for  
5 in subsection (d) of this Section shall expire 24 hours after  
6 the effective date and time listed on the face of the license.

7 All individuals required to have and failing to have the  
8 license provided for in subsection (a) or (d) of this Section  
9 shall be fined according to the provisions of Section 20-35 of  
10 this Code.

11 All individuals required to have and failing to have the  
12 licenses provided for in subsections (b) and (e) of this  
13 Section shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

14 (Source: P.A. 97-498, eff. 4-1-12; 97-1136, eff. 1-1-13;  
15 98-800, eff. 8-1-14.)

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
17 1, 2021.