

HB5571



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Introduced 2/9/2024, by Rep. Wayne A Rosenthal

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

515 ILCS 5/20-45
520 ILCS 5/3.2

from Ch. 56, par. 20-45
from Ch. 61, par. 3.2

Amends the Fish and Aquatic Life Code and the Wildlife Code. Provides that the fee for a fishing or hunting license is \$5 for resident veterans of the United States Armed Forces after returning from service abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States as an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning fees.

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 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 103-456)

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

10 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, for
11 sport fishing devices as defined in Section 10-95 or
12 spearing devices as defined in Section 10-110, the fee is
13 \$14.50 for individuals 16 to 64 years old, one-half of the
14 current fishing license fee for individuals age 65 or
15 older, and, commencing with the 2012 license year,
16 one-half of the current fishing license fee for resident
17 veterans of the United States Armed Forces after returning
18 from service abroad or mobilization by the President of
19 the United States as an active duty member of the United
20 States Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or the
21 Reserves of the United States Armed Forces. Veterans must
22 provide to the Department acceptable verification of their
23 service. The Department shall establish by administrative

1 rule the procedure by which such verification of service
2 shall be made to the Department for the purpose of issuing
3 fishing licenses to resident veterans at a reduced fee.

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

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

12 (1) For each 100 lineal yards, or fraction
13 thereof, of seine the fee is \$18. For each minnow
14 seine, minnow trap, or net for commercial purposes the
15 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.
23 These fees shall apply to all gill nets in use in the
24 water or on drying reels on the shore.

25 (4) For each 100 lineal yards, or fraction
26 thereof, 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
12 older, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a
13 sportsmen's combination license. For resident veterans of
14 the United States Armed Forces after returning from
15 service abroad or mobilization by the President of the
16 United States as an active duty member of the United
17 States Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or the
18 Reserves of the United States Armed Forces, the fee,
19 commencing with the 2012 license year, is one-half of the
20 fee charged for a sportsmen's combination license.
21 Veterans must provide to the Department acceptable
22 verification of their service. The Department shall
23 establish by administrative rule the procedure by which
24 such verification of service shall be made to the
25 Department for the purpose of issuing sportsmen's
26 combination licenses to resident veterans at a reduced

1 fee.

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

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

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

1 privileges rescinded. The lifetime hunting and fishing
2 license fees shall be as follows:

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

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

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

9 Lifetime licenses shall not be refundable. A \$10 fee shall
10 be charged for reissuing any lifetime license. The Department
11 may establish rules and regulations for the issuance and use
12 of lifetime licenses and may suspend or revoke any lifetime
13 license issued under this Section for violations of those
14 rules or regulations or other provisions under this Code or
15 the Wildlife Code, or a violation of the United States Code
16 that involves the taking, possessing, killing, harvesting,
17 transportation, selling, exporting, or importing any fish or
18 aquatic life protected by this Code or the taking, possessing,
19 killing, harvesting, transportation, selling, exporting, or
20 importing any fauna protected by the Wildlife Code when any
21 part of the United States Code violation occurred in Illinois.
22 Individuals under 16 years of age who possess a lifetime
23 hunting or sportsmen's combination license shall have in their
24 possession, while in the field, a certificate of competency as
25 required under Section 3.2 of the Wildlife Code. Any lifetime
26 license issued under this Section shall not exempt individuals

1 from obtaining additional stamps or permits required under the
2 provisions of this Code or the Wildlife Code. Individuals
3 required to purchase additional stamps shall sign the stamps
4 and have them in their possession while fishing or hunting
5 with a lifetime license. All fees received from the issuance
6 of lifetime licenses shall be deposited in the Fish and
7 Wildlife Endowment Fund.

8 Except for licenses issued under subsection (e) of this
9 Section, all licenses provided for in this Section shall
10 expire on March 31 of each year, except that the license
11 provided for in subsection (d) of this Section shall expire 24
12 hours after the effective date and time listed on the face of
13 the license.

14 All individuals required to have and failing to have the
15 license provided for in subsection (a) or (d) of this Section
16 shall be fined according to the provisions of Section 20-35 of
17 this Code.

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

21 (g) For the purposes of this Section, "acceptable
22 verification" means official documentation from the Department
23 of Defense or the appropriate Major Command showing
24 mobilization dates or service abroad dates, including: (i) a
25 DD-214, (ii) a letter from the Illinois Department of Military
26 Affairs for members of the Illinois National Guard, (iii) a

1 letter from the Regional Reserve Command for members of the
2 Armed Forces Reserve, (iv) a letter from the Major Command
3 covering Illinois for active duty members, (v) personnel
4 records for mobilized State employees, and (vi) any other
5 documentation that the Department, by administrative rule,
6 deems acceptable to establish dates of mobilization or service
7 abroad.

8 For the purposes of this Section, the term "service
9 abroad" means active duty service outside of the 50 United
10 States and the District of Columbia, and includes all active
11 duty service in territories and possessions of the United
12 States.

13 (Source: P.A. 102-780, eff. 5-13-22; 102-837, eff. 5-13-22;
14 103-154, eff. 6-30-23.)

15 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 103-456)

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17 for residents of the State of Illinois shall be as follows:

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20 spearing devices as defined in Section 10-110, the fee is
21 \$14.50 for individuals 16 to 64 years old, one-half of the
22 current fishing license fee for individuals age 65 or
23 older, and, on or after the effective date of this
24 amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly, the fee is
25 \$5 commencing with the 2012 license year, one half of the

1 ~~current fishing license fee~~ for resident veterans of the
2 United States Armed Forces after returning from service
3 abroad or mobilization by the President of the United
4 States as an active duty member of the United States Armed
5 Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or the Reserves of
6 the United States Armed Forces. Veterans must provide to
7 the Department acceptable verification of their service.
8 The Department shall establish by administrative rule the
9 procedure by which such verification of service shall be
10 made to the Department for the purpose of issuing fishing
11 licenses to resident veterans at a reduced fee.

12 (a-3) Except as otherwise provided in this Section,
13 for sport fishing devices as defined in Section 10-95 or
14 spearing devices as defined in Section 10-110, residents
15 of this State may obtain a 3-year fishing license. The fee
16 for a 3-year fishing license is 3 times the annual fee. For
17 residents age 65 or older, the fee is one half of the fee
18 charged for a 3-year fishing license. For resident
19 veterans of the United States Armed Forces after returning
20 from service abroad or mobilization by the President of
21 the United States, the fee is \$5 ~~one half of the fee~~
22 ~~charged for a 3 year fishing license~~. Veterans must
23 provide to the Department, per administrative rule,
24 verification of their service. The Department shall
25 establish what constitutes suitable verification of
26 service for the purpose of issuing 3-year fishing licenses

1 to resident veterans at a reduced fee.

2 (a-5) The fee for all sport fishing licenses shall be
3 \$1 for an annual license and 3 times the annual fee for a
4 3-year license for residents over 75 years of age.

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

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20 gill net the fee is \$10; and for each 1000 additional
21 lineal feet, or fraction thereof, the fee is \$10.
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23 water or on drying reels on the shore.

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25 thereof, of gill net or trammel net the fee is \$18.

26 (c) Residents of this State may obtain a sportsmen's

1 combination license that shall entitle the holder to the
2 same non-commercial fishing privileges as residents
3 holding a license as described in subsection (a) of this
4 Section and to the same hunting privileges as residents
5 holding a license to hunt all species as described in
6 Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code. No sportsmen's
7 combination license shall be issued to any individual who
8 would be ineligible for either the fishing or hunting
9 license separately. The sportsmen's combination license
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20 the Department acceptable verification of their service.
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22 procedure by which such verification of service shall be
23 made to the Department for the purpose of issuing
24 sportsmen's combination licenses to resident veterans at a
25 reduced fee.

26 (c-5) Residents of this State may obtain a 3-year

1 sportsmen's combination license that shall entitle the
2 holder to the same non-commercial fishing privileges as
3 residents holding a license as described in subsection
4 (a-3) and to the same hunting privileges as residents
5 holding a license to hunt all species as described in
6 Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code. A 3-year sportsmen's
7 combination license shall not be issued to any individual
8 who would be ineligible for either the fishing or hunting
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10 license fee shall be 3 times the annual fee. For residents
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15 the United States, the fee is one-half of the fee charged
16 for a 3-year sportsmen's combination license. Veterans
17 must provide to the Department, per administrative rule,
18 verification of their service. The Department shall
19 establish what constitutes suitable verification of
20 service for the purpose of issuing 3-year sportsmen's
21 combination licenses to resident veterans at a reduced
22 fee.

23 (d) For 24 hours of fishing by sport fishing devices
24 as defined in Section 10-95 or by spearing devices as
25 defined in Section 10-110 the fee is \$5. This license does
26 not exempt the licensee from the requirement for a salmon

1 or inland trout stamp. The licenses provided for by this
2 subsection are not required for residents of the State of
3 Illinois who have obtained the license provided for in
4 subsection (a) or (a-3) of this Section.

5 (e) All residents before using any commercial mussel
6 device shall obtain a commercial mussel license, the fee
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8 (f) Residents of this State, upon establishing
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14 of this Section and to the same hunting privileges as
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16 described in Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code. No lifetime
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9 rules or regulations or other provisions under this Code or
10 the Wildlife Code, or a violation of the United States Code
11 that involves the taking, possessing, killing, harvesting,
12 transportation, selling, exporting, or importing any fish or
13 aquatic life protected by this Code or the taking, possessing,
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17 Individuals under 16 years of age who possess a lifetime
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1 of lifetime licenses shall be deposited in the Fish and
2 Wildlife Endowment Fund.

3 Except for licenses issued under subsection (e) of this
4 Section, all licenses provided for in this Section shall
5 expire on March 31 of each year, except that the license
6 provided for in subsection (d) of this Section shall expire 24
7 hours after the effective date and time listed on the face of
8 the license. Licenses issued under subsection (a-3) or (c-5)
9 shall expire on March 31 of the 2nd year after the year in
10 which the license is issued.

11 The Department shall by administrative rule provide for
12 the automatic renewal of a fishing license upon the request of
13 the applicant.

14 All individuals required to have and failing to have the
15 license provided for in subsection (a), (a-3), or (d) of this
16 Section shall be fined according to the provisions of Section
17 20-35 of this Code.

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

21 (g) For the purposes of this Section, "acceptable
22 verification" means official documentation from the Department
23 of Defense or the appropriate Major Command showing
24 mobilization dates or service abroad dates, including: (i) a
25 DD-214, (ii) a letter from the Illinois Department of Military
26 Affairs for members of the Illinois National Guard, (iii) a

1 letter from the Regional Reserve Command for members of the
2 Armed Forces Reserve, (iv) a letter from the Major Command
3 covering Illinois for active duty members, (v) personnel
4 records for mobilized State employees, and (vi) any other
5 documentation that the Department, by administrative rule,
6 deems acceptable to establish dates of mobilization or service
7 abroad.

8 For the purposes of this Section, the term "service
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10 States and the District of Columbia, and includes all active
11 duty service in territories and possessions of the United
12 States.

13 (Source: P.A. 102-780, eff. 5-13-22; 102-837, eff. 5-13-22;
14 103-154, eff. 6-30-23; 103-456, eff. 1-1-24.)

15 Section 10. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing
16 Section 3.2 as follows:

17 (520 ILCS 5/3.2) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.2)

18 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 103-456)

19 Sec. 3.2. Hunting license; application; instruction.
20 Before the Department or any county, city, village, township,
21 incorporated town clerk or his duly designated agent or any
22 other person authorized or designated by the Department to
23 issue hunting licenses shall issue a hunting license to any
24 person, the person shall file his application with the

1 Department or other party authorized to issue licenses on a
2 form provided by the Department and further give definite
3 proof of identity and place of legal residence. Each clerk
4 designating agents to issue licenses and stamps shall furnish
5 the Department, within 10 days following the appointment, the
6 names and mailing addresses of the agents. Each clerk or his
7 duly designated agent shall be authorized to sell licenses and
8 stamps only within the territorial area for which he was
9 elected or appointed. No duly designated agent is authorized
10 to furnish licenses or stamps for issuance by any other
11 business establishment. Each application shall be executed and
12 sworn to and shall set forth the name and description of the
13 applicant and place of residence.

14 No hunting license shall be issued to any person born on or
15 after January 1, 1980 unless he presents the person authorized
16 to issue the license evidence that he has held a hunting
17 license issued by the State of Illinois or another state in a
18 prior year, or a certificate of competency as provided in this
19 Section. Persons under 18 years of age may be issued a Lifetime
20 Hunting or Sportsmen's Combination License as provided under
21 Section 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code but shall not
22 be entitled to hunt alone, without the supervision of an adult
23 age 21 or older, unless they have a certificate of competency
24 as provided in this Section and the certificate is in their
25 possession while hunting.

26 The Department of Natural Resources shall authorize

1 personnel of the Department or certified volunteer instructors
2 to conduct courses, of not less than 10 hours in length, in
3 firearms and hunter safety, which may include training in bow
4 and arrow safety, at regularly specified intervals throughout
5 the State. Persons successfully completing the course shall
6 receive a certificate of competency. The Department of Natural
7 Resources may further cooperate with any reputable association
8 or organization in establishing courses if the organization
9 has as one of its objectives the promotion of safety in the
10 handling of firearms or bow and arrow.

11 The Department of Natural Resources shall designate any
12 person found by it to be competent to give instruction in the
13 handling of firearms, hunter safety, and bow and arrow. The
14 persons so appointed shall give the course of instruction and
15 upon the successful completion shall issue to the person
16 instructed a certificate of competency in the safe handling of
17 firearms, hunter safety, and bow and arrow. No charge shall be
18 made for any course of instruction except for materials or
19 ammunition consumed. The Department of Natural Resources shall
20 furnish information on the requirements of hunter safety
21 education programs to be distributed free of charge to
22 applicants for hunting licenses by the persons appointed and
23 authorized to issue licenses. Funds for the conducting of
24 firearms and hunter safety courses shall be taken from the fee
25 charged for the Firearm Owners Identification Card.

26 The fee for a hunting license to hunt all species for a

1 resident of Illinois is \$12. For residents age 65 or older,
2 and, commencing with the 2012 license year, resident veterans
3 of the United States Armed Forces after returning from service
4 abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States
5 as an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces, the
6 Illinois National Guard, or the Reserves of the United States
7 Armed Forces, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a
8 hunting license to hunt all species for a resident of
9 Illinois. Veterans must provide to the Department acceptable
10 verification of their service. The Department shall establish
11 by administrative rule the procedure by which such
12 verification of service shall be made to the Department for
13 the purpose of issuing resident veterans hunting licenses at a
14 reduced fee. The fee for a hunting license to hunt all species
15 shall be \$1 for residents over 75 years of age. Nonresidents
16 shall be charged \$57 for a hunting license.

17 Nonresidents may be issued a nonresident hunting license
18 for a period not to exceed 10 consecutive days' hunting in the
19 State and shall be charged a fee of \$35.

20 A special nonresident hunting license authorizing a
21 nonresident to take game birds by hunting on a game breeding
22 and hunting preserve area only, established under Section
23 3.27, shall be issued upon proper application being made and
24 payment of a fee equal to that for a resident hunting license.
25 The expiration date of this license shall be on the same date
26 each year that game breeding and hunting preserve area

1 licenses expire.

2 Each applicant for a State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp,
3 regardless of his residence or other condition, shall pay a
4 fee of \$15 and shall receive a stamp. The fee for a State
5 Migratory Waterfowl Stamp shall be waived for residents over
6 75 years of age. Except as provided under Section 20-45 of the
7 Fish and Aquatic Life Code, the stamp shall be signed by the
8 person or affixed to his license or permit in a space
9 designated by the Department for that purpose.

10 Each applicant for a State Habitat Stamp, regardless of
11 his residence or other condition, shall pay a fee of \$5 and
12 shall receive a stamp. The fee for a State Habitat Stamp shall
13 be waived for residents over 75 years of age. Except as
14 provided under Section 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life
15 Code, the stamp shall be signed by the person or affixed to his
16 license or permit in a space designated by the Department for
17 that purpose.

18 Nothing in this Section shall be construed as to require
19 the purchase of more than one State Habitat Stamp by any person
20 in any one license year.

21 The fees for State Pheasant Stamps and State Furbearer
22 Stamps shall be waived for residents over 75 years of age.

23 The Department shall furnish the holders of hunting
24 licenses and stamps with an insignia as evidence of possession
25 of license, or license and stamp, as the Department may
26 consider advisable. The insignia shall be exhibited and used

1 as the Department may order.

2 All other hunting licenses and all State stamps shall
3 expire upon March 31 of each year.

4 Every person holding any license, permit, or stamp issued
5 under the provisions of this Act shall have it in his
6 possession for immediate presentation for inspection to the
7 officers and authorized employees of the Department, any
8 sheriff, deputy sheriff, or any other peace officer making a
9 demand for it. This provision shall not apply to Department
10 owned or managed sites where it is required that all hunters
11 deposit their license, permit, or Firearm Owner's
12 Identification Card at the check station upon entering the
13 hunting areas.

14 For the purposes of this Section, "acceptable
15 verification" means official documentation from the Department
16 of Defense or the appropriate Major Command showing
17 mobilization dates or service abroad dates, including: (i) a
18 DD-214, (ii) a letter from the Illinois Department of Military
19 Affairs for members of the Illinois National Guard, (iii) a
20 letter from the Regional Reserve Command for members of the
21 Armed Forces Reserve, (iv) a letter from the Major Command
22 covering Illinois for active duty members, (v) personnel
23 records for mobilized State employees, and (vi) any other
24 documentation that the Department, by administrative rule,
25 deems acceptable to establish dates of mobilization or service
26 abroad.

1 For the purposes of this Section, the term "service
2 abroad" means active duty service outside of the 50 United
3 States and the District of Columbia, and includes all active
4 duty service in territories and possessions of the United
5 States.

6 (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 102-780, eff. 5-13-22.)

7 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 103-456)

8 Sec. 3.2. Hunting license; application; instruction.
9 Before the Department or any county, city, village, township,
10 incorporated town clerk or his duly designated agent or any
11 other person authorized or designated by the Department to
12 issue hunting licenses shall issue a hunting license to any
13 person, the person shall file his application with the
14 Department or other party authorized to issue licenses on a
15 form provided by the Department and further give definite
16 proof of identity and place of legal residence. Each clerk
17 designating agents to issue licenses and stamps shall furnish
18 the Department, within 10 days following the appointment, the
19 names and mailing addresses of the agents. Each clerk or his
20 duly designated agent shall be authorized to sell licenses and
21 stamps only within the territorial area for which he was
22 elected or appointed. No duly designated agent is authorized
23 to furnish licenses or stamps for issuance by any other
24 business establishment. Each application shall be executed and
25 sworn to and shall set forth the name and description of the

1 applicant and place of residence.

2 No hunting license shall be issued to any person born on or
3 after January 1, 1980 unless he presents the person authorized
4 to issue the license evidence that he has held a hunting
5 license issued by the State of Illinois or another state in a
6 prior year, or a certificate of competency as provided in this
7 Section. Persons under 18 years of age may be issued a Lifetime
8 Hunting or Sportsmen's Combination License as provided under
9 Section 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code but shall not
10 be entitled to hunt alone, without the supervision of an adult
11 age 21 or older, unless they have a certificate of competency
12 as provided in this Section and the certificate is in their
13 possession while hunting.

14 The Department of Natural Resources shall authorize
15 personnel of the Department or certified volunteer instructors
16 to conduct courses, of not less than 10 hours in length, in
17 firearms and hunter safety, which may include training in bow
18 and arrow safety, at regularly specified intervals throughout
19 the State. Persons successfully completing the course shall
20 receive a certificate of competency. The Department of Natural
21 Resources may further cooperate with any reputable association
22 or organization in establishing courses if the organization
23 has as one of its objectives the promotion of safety in the
24 handling of firearms or bow and arrow.

25 The Department of Natural Resources shall designate any
26 person found by it to be competent to give instruction in the

1 handling of firearms, hunter safety, and bow and arrow. The
2 persons so appointed shall give the course of instruction and
3 upon the successful completion shall issue to the person
4 instructed a certificate of competency in the safe handling of
5 firearms, hunter safety, and bow and arrow. No charge shall be
6 made for any course of instruction except for materials or
7 ammunition consumed. The Department of Natural Resources shall
8 furnish information on the requirements of hunter safety
9 education programs to be distributed free of charge to
10 applicants for hunting licenses by the persons appointed and
11 authorized to issue licenses. Funds for the conducting of
12 firearms and hunter safety courses shall be taken from the fee
13 charged for the Firearm Owners Identification Card.

14 The fee for a hunting license to hunt all species for a
15 resident of Illinois is \$12. For residents age 65 or older,
16 ~~and, commencing with the 2012 license year, resident veterans~~
17 ~~of the United States Armed Forces after returning from service~~
18 ~~abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States~~
19 ~~as an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces, the~~
20 ~~Illinois National Guard, or the Reserves of the United States~~
21 ~~Armed Forces,~~ the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a
22 hunting license to hunt all species for a resident of
23 Illinois. On or after the effective date of this amendatory
24 Act of the 103rd General Assembly, the fee for a hunting
25 license to hunt all species is \$5 for resident veterans of the
26 United States Armed Forces after returning from service abroad

1 or mobilization by the President of the United States as an
2 active duty member of the United States Armed Forces, the
3 Illinois National Guard, or the Reserves of the United States
4 Armed Forces. Veterans must provide to the Department
5 acceptable verification of their service. The Department shall
6 establish by administrative rule the procedure by which such
7 verification of service shall be made to the Department for
8 the purpose of issuing resident veterans hunting licenses at a
9 reduced fee. The fee for a hunting license to hunt all species
10 shall be \$1 for residents over 75 years of age. Nonresidents
11 shall be charged \$57 for a hunting license.

12 Residents of this State may obtain a 3-year hunting
13 license to hunt all species as described in Section 3.1 for 3
14 times the annual fee. For residents age 65 or older ~~and~~
15 ~~resident veterans of the United States Armed Forces after~~
16 ~~returning from service abroad or mobilization by the President~~
17 ~~of the United States,~~ the fee is one-half of the fee charged
18 for a 3-year hunting license to hunt all species as described
19 in Section 3.1 for a resident of this State. Veterans must
20 provide to the Department, per administrative rule,
21 verification of their service. For resident veterans of the
22 United States Armed Forces after returning from service abroad
23 or mobilization by the President of the United States, the fee
24 is \$5. The Department shall establish what constitutes
25 suitable verification of service for the purpose of issuing
26 resident veterans 3-year hunting licenses at a reduced fee.

1 Nonresidents may be issued a nonresident hunting license
2 for a period not to exceed 10 consecutive days' hunting in the
3 State and shall be charged a fee of \$35.

4 A special nonresident hunting license authorizing a
5 nonresident to take game birds by hunting on a game breeding
6 and hunting preserve area only, established under Section
7 3.27, shall be issued upon proper application being made and
8 payment of a fee equal to that for a resident hunting license.
9 The expiration date of this license shall be on the same date
10 each year that game breeding and hunting preserve area
11 licenses expire.

12 Each applicant for a State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp,
13 regardless of his residence or other condition, shall pay a
14 fee of \$15 and shall receive a stamp. The fee for a State
15 Migratory Waterfowl Stamp shall be waived for residents over
16 75 years of age. Except as provided under Section 20-45 of the
17 Fish and Aquatic Life Code, the stamp shall be signed by the
18 person or affixed to his license or permit in a space
19 designated by the Department for that purpose.

20 Each applicant for a State Habitat Stamp, regardless of
21 his residence or other condition, shall pay a fee of \$5 and
22 shall receive a stamp. The fee for a State Habitat Stamp shall
23 be waived for residents over 75 years of age. Except as
24 provided under Section 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life
25 Code, the stamp shall be signed by the person or affixed to his
26 license or permit in a space designated by the Department for

1 that purpose.

2 Nothing in this Section shall be construed as to require
3 the purchase of more than one State Habitat Stamp by any person
4 in any one license year.

5 The fees for State Pheasant Stamps and State Furbearer
6 Stamps shall be waived for residents over 75 years of age.

7 The Department shall furnish the holders of hunting
8 licenses and stamps with an insignia as evidence of possession
9 of license, or license and stamp, as the Department may
10 consider advisable. The insignia shall be exhibited and used
11 as the Department may order.

12 All other hunting licenses and all State stamps shall
13 expire upon March 31 of each year. Three-year hunting licenses
14 shall expire on March 31 of the 2nd year after the year in
15 which the license is issued.

16 Every person holding any license, permit, or stamp issued
17 under the provisions of this Act shall have it in his
18 possession for immediate presentation for inspection to the
19 officers and authorized employees of the Department, any
20 sheriff, deputy sheriff, or any other peace officer making a
21 demand for it. This provision shall not apply to Department
22 owned or managed sites where it is required that all hunters
23 deposit their license, permit, or Firearm Owner's
24 Identification Card at the check station upon entering the
25 hunting areas.

26 For the purposes of this Section, "acceptable

1 verification" means official documentation from the Department
2 of Defense or the appropriate Major Command showing
3 mobilization dates or service abroad dates, including: (i) a
4 DD-214, (ii) a letter from the Illinois Department of Military
5 Affairs for members of the Illinois National Guard, (iii) a
6 letter from the Regional Reserve Command for members of the
7 Armed Forces Reserve, (iv) a letter from the Major Command
8 covering Illinois for active duty members, (v) personnel
9 records for mobilized State employees, and (vi) any other
10 documentation that the Department, by administrative rule,
11 deems acceptable to establish dates of mobilization or service
12 abroad.

13 For the purposes of this Section, the term "service
14 abroad" means active duty service outside of the 50 United
15 States and the District of Columbia, and includes all active
16 duty service in territories and possessions of the United
17 States.

18 (Source: P.A. 102-780, eff. 5-13-22; 103-456, eff. 1-1-24.)

19 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
20 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
21 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
22 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does
23 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
24 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
25 Public Act.