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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 914

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 914 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 3.1-6 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/3.1-6)

7 Sec. 3.1-6. Special deer, turkey, and combination hunting  
8 licenses.

9 (a) For the purpose of this Section:

10 "Bona fide current income beneficiary" means an individual  
11 who, at the time of application for a permit issued pursuant to  
12 this Section, is entitled to income (whether income exists or  
13 not) from the trust that owns the land the applicant wishes to  
14 hunt, with no condition precedent other than the trustee  
15 distributing the income, and who is listed by name in the trust  
16 documents as an income 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 LLC assets represented by the distributional interest  
7 in the LLC and subsequently becomes a member of the  
8 company under Article 30 of the Limited Liability Company  
9 Act; and

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

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

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

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

22 (3) is a resident of this State.

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

24 (1) purchased, for market price, publicly sold stock  
25 shares in a corporation, purchased shares of a  
26 privately-held corporation for a value equal to the

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

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

9 "Immediate family member of a landowner, tenant, or a bona  
10 fide current income beneficiary" means a person who is the  
11 spouse, child, brother, sister, or parent of a landowner,  
12 tenant, or bona fide current income beneficiary and who  
13 resides permanently on the same property as the landowner,  
14 tenant, or bona fide current income beneficiary.

15 (b) Landowner Deer, Turkey, and combination permits shall  
16 be issued without charge to:

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

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

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

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

11 (4) bona fide current income beneficiaries of a trust  
12 that owns 40 acres of Illinois land who wish to hunt only  
13 upon the land of the trust and who reside in this State;  
14 and

15 (5) immediate family members of a landowner, tenant,  
16 or a bona fide current income beneficiary who wish to hunt  
17 only on the land owned by a person or trust under  
18 paragraphs (1), (2), or (3) of this subsection (b).

19 Bona fide landowners or tenants who do not wish to hunt  
20 only on the land they own, rent, or lease or bona fide equity  
21 shareholders, bona fide equity members, or bona fide equity  
22 partners who do not wish to hunt only on the land owned by the  
23 corporation, limited liability company, or partnership shall  
24 be charged the same fee as the applicant who is not a  
25 landowner, tenant, bona fide equity shareholder, bona fide  
26 equity member, or bona fide equity partner. Nonresidents of

1 this State who own at least 40 acres of land and wish to hunt  
2 on their land only shall be charged a fee set by administrative  
3 rule. The method for obtaining these permits shall be  
4 prescribed by administrative rule.

5 (c) The deer, turkey, or combination hunting permit issued  
6 without fee shall be valid on all farm lands which the person  
7 to whom it is issued owns, leases or rents, except that in the  
8 case of a permit issued to a bona fide equity shareholder, bona  
9 fide equity member, or bona fide equity partner, the permit  
10 shall be valid on all lands owned by the corporation, limited  
11 liability company, or partnership in the county.

12 (d) In addition to the permits issued under subsection  
13 (b), the Department shall issue deer, turkey, and combination  
14 permits to the children of an Illinois resident landowner or  
15 the children of a resident bona fide current income  
16 beneficiary if:

17 (1) those children do not reside with the landowner or  
18 the bona fide current income beneficiary;

19 (2) the Illinois resident landowner or resident bona  
20 fide current income beneficiary is eligible for deer,  
21 turkey, or combination permits under this Section;

22 (3) the children of the Illinois resident landowner or  
23 the resident bona fide current income beneficiary have  
24 completed an application for deer, turkey, or combination  
25 permits for the children of the Illinois resident  
26 landowner or resident bona fide current income

1 beneficiary, and that application includes the child's  
2 name, address, date of birth, and any other information as  
3 required by administrative rule, and is signed by the  
4 child and the Illinois resident landowner or the bona fide  
5 current income beneficiary;

6 (4) a child of the Illinois resident landowner or the  
7 resident bona fide current income beneficiary that is  
8 listed pursuant to paragraph (3) is eligible to hunt in  
9 Illinois and whose hunting privileges are not currently  
10 suspended or revoked pursuant to law or administrative  
11 rule; and

12 (5) the fees for permits listed in Section 2.11 and  
13 Section 2.26 are paid in full for those permits that are  
14 issued pursuant to this subsection (d).

15 Permits issued pursuant to this subsection shall only be  
16 valid on all farmlands which the Illinois resident landowner  
17 or the resident bona fide current income beneficiary owns.  
18 This subsection (d) shall not apply to the children of  
19 resident tenants, bona fide equity shareholders of a  
20 corporation, bona fide equity members of a limited liability  
21 company, or bona fide equity partners of a general or limited  
22 partnership. Any other requirement, application information,  
23 or approval process for a permit issued under this subsection  
24 shall be set by the Department by administrative rule.

25 (Source: P.A. 99-869, eff. 1-1-17.)

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
2   1, 2026.".