

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  
5 Sections 3.2, 3.27, 3.29, and 3.30 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/3.2) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.2)

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

26 No hunting license shall be issued to any person born on  
27 or after January 1, 1980 unless he presents the person  
28 authorized to issue the license evidence that he has held a  
29 hunting license issued by the State of Illinois or another  
30 state in a prior year, or a certificate of competency as  
31 provided in this Section. Persons under 16 years of age may

1 be issued a Lifetime Hunting or Sportsmen's Combination  
2 License as provided under Section 20-45 of the Fish and  
3 Aquatic Life Code but shall not be entitled to hunt unless  
4 they have a certificate of competency as provided in this  
5 Section and they shall have the certificate in their  
6 possession while hunting.

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

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

1           The fee for a hunting license to hunt all species for a  
2 resident of Illinois is \$7. For residents age 65 or older,  
3 the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a hunting license  
4 to hunt all species for a resident of Illinois. Nonresidents  
5 shall be charged \$50 for a hunting license.

6           Nonresidents may be issued a nonresident hunting license  
7 for a period not to exceed 10 consecutive days' hunting in  
8 the State and shall be charged a fee of \$28.

9           A special nonresident hunting license authorizing a  
10 nonresident to take game birds by hunting on a game breeding  
11 and hunting preserve area only, established under Section  
12 3.27, shall be issued upon proper application being made and  
13 payment of a fee equal to that for a resident hunting  
14 license. The expiration date of this license shall be on the  
15 same date March-31--of each year that game breeding and  
16 hunting preserve area licenses expire.

17           Each applicant for a State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp,  
18 regardless of his residence or other condition, shall pay a  
19 fee of \$10 and shall receive a stamp. Except as provided  
20 under Section 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code, the  
21 stamp shall be signed by the person or affixed to his license  
22 or permit in a space designated by the Department for that  
23 purpose.

24           Each applicant for a State Habitat Stamp, regardless of  
25 his residence or other condition, shall pay a fee of \$5 and  
26 shall receive a stamp. Except as provided under Section 20-45  
27 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code, the stamp shall be signed  
28 by the person or affixed to his license or permit in a space  
29 designated by the Department for that purpose.

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

33           The Department shall furnish the holders of hunting  
34 licenses and stamps with an insignia as evidence of

1 possession of license, or license and stamp, as the  
2 Department may consider advisable. The insignia shall be  
3 exhibited and used as the Department may order.

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

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

16 (Source: P.A. 89-75, eff. 1-1-96; 89-338, eff. 1-1-96;  
17 89-445, eff. 2-7-96; 89-626, eff. 8-9-96; 90-225, eff.  
18 7-25-97.)

19 (520 ILCS 5/3.27) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.27)

20 Sec. 3.27. Any person owning, holding or controlling, by  
21 lease, which possession must be for a term of 5 or more  
22 years, any contiguous tract of land having an area of not  
23 less than 200 acres, and not more than 1280 acres, with at  
24 least 100 acres of suitable wildlife habitat, who desires to  
25 establish a game breeding and hunting preserve area, to  
26 propagate, preserve and hunt game birds shall make  
27 application to the Department for a license as herein  
28 provided. Such application shall be made under oath of the  
29 applicant or under oath of one of its principal officers if  
30 the applicant is an association, club or corporation. In the  
31 case of releasing and harvesting hand reared mallards, the  
32 tract of land, with the approval of the Department, may be  
33 smaller than that required in this Section but in all other

1 respects the applicant shall conform to the provisions of  
2 this Act. The application shall be accompanied by a license  
3 fee of not to exceed \$100 for a Class A license or a license  
4 fee not to exceed \$200 for a Class B license.

5 Every licensee under this Section shall release not less  
6 than 250 Bobwhite quail or pheasants each season.

7 Upon receipt of such application, the Department shall  
8 inspect the proposed licensed area described in such  
9 application and the premises and facilities where game birds  
10 are to be propagated and the cover for game birds and the  
11 ability of the applicant to operate a property of this  
12 character. If the Department finds that the area meets the  
13 requirements of all applicable laws and administrative rules  
14 and that the game birds are reasonably healthy and disease  
15 free; and that the issuing of the license will otherwise be  
16 in the public interest; the Department shall approve the  
17 application and issue the license for the operation of the  
18 property described in the application with the rights and  
19 subject to the limitations in this Act prescribed.

20 All game breeding and hunting preserve area licenses  
21 expire on April 30 of each year.

22 Upon receipt of such license, the licensee shall promptly  
23 post such licensed areas at intervals of not more than 500  
24 feet with signs to be prescribed by the Department. The  
25 boundaries of such licensed game breeding and hunting  
26 preserve areas shall also be clearly defined by natural or  
27 artificial boundaries and by signs.

28 (Source: P.A. 85-152.)

29 (520 ILCS 5/3.29) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.29)

30 Sec. 3.29. For the purpose of this Act, game birds shall  
31 be released upon licensed game breeding and hunting preserve  
32 areas in a manner satisfactory to the Department. The  
33 licensee shall keep a register on forms prescribed by the

1 Department which shall clearly show the number and kind of  
 2 game birds released and-propagated each year, the month date  
 3 of release, and also the number and kind of game birds taken,  
 4 the month date when taken and the disposition made of such  
 5 game birds, and shall submit such reports under oath as to  
 6 game birds released, propagated and taken, to the Department  
 7 not later than 10 days following the end of each month during  
 8 the season. The Department shall keep an adequate record of  
 9 the number of birds released and-propagated on each licensed  
 10 game breeding and hunting preserve area in each year and of  
 11 the birds taken.

12 The Department shall prepare special tags suitable for  
 13 use upon legs of game birds, including hand reared mallard  
 14 ducks, which tags shall be of a type not removable without  
 15 breaking and mutilating the tag, such tags to be used to  
 16 designate birds taken upon a licensed game breeding and  
 17 hunting preserve area, and such tag shall remain upon the leg  
 18 of such game bird until such bird is finally prepared for  
 19 consumption. Those licensed areas which dress game birds may  
 20 affix the tag to the bag in which the dressed game birds are  
 21 ~~bird-is~~ contained. Upon application and payment of a fee of  
 22 10 cents for each such tag, the Department shall furnish  
 23 licensees with such tags; ~~provided that the Department shall~~  
 24 ~~not in any year furnish any licensee a number of tags in~~  
 25 ~~excess of the number of game birds which may lawfully be~~  
 26 ~~taken from such licensed area as hereinbefore provided.~~ All  
 27 game birds harvested on licensed areas are to be properly  
 28 banded on the same day they are taken.

29 (Source: P.A. 84-150.)

30 (520 ILCS 5/3.30) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.30)

31 Sec. 3.30. Game birds may be taken upon a Class A game  
 32 breeding and hunting preserve area only during the period  
 33 from September 1st to April 15th, ~~or as otherwise determined~~

1 ~~by the Director through the issuance of an Administrative~~  
2 Rule, of each year, both dates inclusive. Game birds may be  
3 taken upon a Class B game breeding and hunting preserve area  
4 all year.

5 Before any person shall take or attempt to take game  
6 birds upon such licensed game breeding and hunting preserve  
7 areas, he shall first secure a hunting license in accordance  
8 with this Act.

9 (Source: P.A. 85-152.)