



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2005 and 2006**  
**HB2550**

Introduced 2/18/2005, by Rep. Donald L. Moffitt

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

20 ILCS 805/805-305  
520 ILCS 5/3.1-4 new

was 20 ILCS 805/63a23

Amends the Department of Natural Resources (Conservation) Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois and the Wildlife Code to allow members of the United States Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard, and the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces returning from service abroad to camp and hunt without paying fees for one year after the member returns.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning recreation.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Natural Resources  
5 (Conservation) Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois  
6 is amended by changing Section 805-305 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 805/805-305) (was 20 ILCS 805/63a23)

8 Sec. 805-305. Campsites and housing facilities. The  
9 Department has the power to provide facilities for overnight  
10 tent and trailer camp sites and to provide suitable housing  
11 facilities for student and juvenile overnight camping groups.  
12 The Department of Natural Resources may regulate, by  
13 administrative order, the fees to be charged for tent and  
14 trailer camping units at individual park areas based upon the  
15 facilities available. However, for campsites with access to  
16 showers or electricity, any Illinois resident who is age 62 or  
17 older or has a Class 2 disability as defined in Section 4A of  
18 the Illinois Identification Card Act shall be charged only  
19 one-half of the camping fee charged to the general public  
20 during the period Monday through Thursday of any week and shall  
21 be charged the same camping fee as the general public on all  
22 other days. For campsites without access to showers or  
23 electricity, no camping fee authorized by this Section shall be  
24 charged to any resident of Illinois who has a Class 2  
25 disability as defined in Section 4A of the Illinois  
26 Identification Card Act. For campsites without access to  
27 showers or electricity, no camping fee authorized by this  
28 Section shall be charged to any resident of Illinois who is age  
29 62 or older for the use of a camp site unit during the period  
30 Monday through Thursday of any week. No camping fee authorized  
31 by this Section shall be charged to any resident of Illinois  
32 who is a disabled veteran or a former prisoner of war, as

1 defined in Section 5 of the Department of Veterans Affairs Act.  
2 No camping fee authorized by this Section shall be charged to  
3 any resident of Illinois for one year after returning from  
4 service abroad as an active duty member of the United States  
5 Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or the Reserves of  
6 the United States Armed Forces. Nonresidents shall be charged  
7 the same fees as are authorized for the general public  
8 regardless of age. The Department shall provide by regulation  
9 for suitable proof of age, or either a valid driver's license  
10 or a "Golden Age Passport" issued by the federal government  
11 shall be acceptable as proof of age. The Department shall  
12 further provide by regulation that notice of these reduced  
13 admission fees be posted in a conspicuous place and manner.

14 Reduced fees authorized in this Section shall not apply to  
15 any charge for utility service.

16 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00.)

17 Section 10. The Wildlife Code is amended by adding Section  
18 3.1-4 as follows:

19 (520 ILCS 5/3.1-4 new)

20 Sec. 3.1-4. Military members returning from service  
21 outside the United States. For one year after returning from  
22 service abroad as an active duty member of the United States  
23 Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or the Reserves of  
24 the United States Armed Forces, a person may hunt any of the  
25 species protected by Section 2.2 of this Code during times,  
26 with devices, and by methods permitted by this Code without  
27 procuring a hunting license.