

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 Section
5 3.1 and by adding Section 3.1-5 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/3.1) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.1)

7 Sec. 3.1. License and stamps required.

8 (a) Before any person shall take or attempt to take any of
9 the species protected by Section 2.2 for which an open season
10 is established under this Act, he shall first have procured and
11 possess a valid hunting license, except as provided in Section
12 3.1-5 of this Code.

13 Before any person 16 years of age or older shall take or
14 attempt to take any bird of the species defined as migratory
15 waterfowl by Section 2.2, including coots, he shall first have
16 procured a State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp.

17 Before any person 16 years of age or older takes, attempts
18 to take, or pursues any species of wildlife protected by this
19 Code, except migratory waterfowl, coots, and hand-reared birds
20 on licensed game breeding and hunting preserve areas and state
21 controlled pheasant hunting areas, he or she shall first obtain
22 a State Habitat Stamp. Disabled veterans and former prisoners
23 of war shall not be required to obtain State Habitat Stamps.
24 Any person who obtained a lifetime license before January 1,
25 1993, shall not be required to obtain State Habitat Stamps.
26 Income from the sale of State Furbearer Stamps and State
27 Pheasant Stamps received after the effective date of this
28 amendatory Act of 1992 shall be deposited into the State
29 Furbearer Fund and State Pheasant Fund, respectively.

30 Before any person 16 years of age or older shall take,
31 attempt to take, or sell the green hide of any mammal of the
32 species defined as fur-bearing mammals by Section 2.2 for which

1 an open season is established under this Act, he shall first
2 have procured a State Habitat Stamp.

3 (b) Before any person who is a non-resident of the State of
4 Illinois shall take or attempt to take any of the species
5 protected by Section 2.2 for which an open season is
6 established under this Act, he shall, unless specifically
7 exempted by law, first procure a non-resident license as
8 provided by this Act for the taking of any wild game.

9 Before a nonresident shall take or attempt to take
10 white-tailed deer, he shall first have procured a Deer Hunting
11 Permit as defined in Section 2.26 of this Code.

12 Before a nonresident shall take or attempt to take wild
13 turkeys, he shall have procured a Wild Turkey Hunting Permit as
14 defined in Section 2.11 of this Code.

15 (c) The owners residing on, or bona fide tenants of, farm
16 lands and their children, parents, brothers, and sisters
17 actually permanently residing on their lands shall have the
18 right to hunt any of the species protected by Section 2.2 upon
19 their lands and waters without procuring hunting licenses; but
20 the hunting shall be done only during periods of time and with
21 devices and by methods as are permitted by this Act. Any person
22 on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States who
23 is now and who was at the time of entering the Armed Forces a
24 resident of Illinois and who entered the Armed Forces from this
25 State, and who is presently on ordinary leave from the Armed
26 Forces, and any resident of Illinois who is disabled may hunt
27 any of the species protected by Section 2.2 without procuring a
28 hunting license, but the hunting shall be done only during such
29 periods of time and with devices and by methods as are
30 permitted by this Act. For the purpose of this Section a person
31 is disabled when that person has a Type 1 or Type 4, Class 2
32 disability as defined in Section 4A of the Illinois
33 Identification Card Act. For purposes of this Section, an
34 Illinois Disabled Person Identification Card issued pursuant
35 to the Illinois Identification Card Act indicating that the
36 person named has a Type 1 or Type 4, Class 2 disability shall

1 be adequate documentation of the disability.

2 (d) A courtesy non-resident license, permit, or stamp for
3 taking game may be issued at the discretion of the Director,
4 without fee, to any person officially employed in the game and
5 fish or conservation department of another state or of the
6 United States who is within the State to assist or consult or
7 cooperate with the Director; or to the officials of other
8 states, the United States, foreign countries, or officers or
9 representatives of conservation organizations or publications
10 while in the State as guests of the Governor or Director. The
11 Director may provide to nonresident participants and official
12 gunners at field trials an exemption from licensure while
13 participating in a field trial.

14 (e) State Migratory Waterfowl Stamps shall be required for
15 those persons qualifying under subsections (c) and (d) who
16 intend to hunt migratory waterfowl, including coots, to the
17 extent that hunting licenses of the various types are
18 authorized and required by this Section for those persons.

19 (f) Registration in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Migratory
20 Bird Harvest Information Program shall be required for those
21 persons who are required to have a hunting license before
22 taking or attempting to take any bird of the species defined as
23 migratory game birds by Section 2.2, except that this
24 subsection shall not apply to crows in this State or
25 hand-reared birds on licensed game breeding and hunting
26 preserve areas, for which an open season is established by this
27 Act. Persons registering with the Program must carry proof of
28 registration with them while migratory bird hunting.

29 The Department shall publish suitable prescribed
30 regulations pertaining to registration by the migratory bird
31 hunter in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Migratory Bird
32 Harvest Information Program.

33 (Source: P.A. 92-177, eff. 7-27-01.)

34 (520 ILCS 5/3.1-5 new)

35 Sec. 3.1-5. Apprentice Hunter License Program.

1 (a) Beginning 120 days after the effective date of this
2 amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly, the Department
3 shall establish an Apprentice Hunter License Program. The
4 purpose of this Program shall be to extend limited hunting
5 privileges, in lieu of obtaining a valid hunting license, to
6 persons interested in learning about hunting sports.

7 (b) Any resident who is at least 10 years old may apply to
8 the Department for an Apprentice Hunter License. The Apprentice
9 Hunter License shall be a one-time, non-renewable license that
10 shall expire on the March 31 following the date of issuance.

11 (c) For persons aged 10 through 17, the Apprentice Hunter
12 License shall entitle the licensee to hunt while supervised by
13 a validly licensed resident parent, guardian, or grandparent.
14 For persons 18 or older, the Apprentice Hunter License shall
15 entitle the licensee to hunt while supervised by a validly
16 licensed resident hunter. Possession of an Apprentice Hunter
17 License shall serve in lieu of a valid hunting license, but
18 does not exempt the licensee from compliance with the
19 requirements of this Code and any rules and regulations adopted
20 pursuant to this Code.

21 (d) In order to be approved for the Apprentice Hunter
22 License, the applicant must be a resident of Illinois, request
23 an Apprentice Hunter License on a form designated and made
24 available by the Department, and submit a \$7 fee, which shall
25 be separate from and additional to any other stamp, permit,
26 tag, or license fee that may be required for hunting under this
27 Code. The Department shall adopt suitable administrative rules
28 that are reasonable and necessary for the administration of the
29 program, but shall not require any certificate of competency or
30 other hunting education as a condition of the Apprentice Hunter
31 License.

32 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
33 becoming law.