

SB3740



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

520 ILCS 5/2.25

from Ch. 61, par. 2.25

Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that the Director of the Department of Natural Resources shall establish an additional shotgun, handgun, or muzzleloading rifle 3-day season for counties that include or are North of interstate I-88 that have deer herds affected with chronic wasting disease. Provides the Director may establish an additional shotgun, handgun, or muzzleloading rifle 3-day season for counties South of interstate I-88 where the Director deems a significant number of deer herds are affected with chronic wasting disease.

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A BILL FOR

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 2.25 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/2.25) (from Ch. 61, par. 2.25)

7 Sec. 2.25. It shall be unlawful for any person to take deer
8 except (i) with a shotgun, handgun, or muzzleloading rifle or
9 (ii) as provided by administrative rule, with a bow and arrow,
10 or crossbow device for handicapped persons, as defined in
11 Section 2.33, and persons age 62 or older during the open
12 season of not more than 14 days which will be set annually by
13 the Director between the dates of November 1st and December
14 31st, both inclusive, or a special 2-day, youth-only season
15 between the dates of September 1 and October 31. The Director
16 shall establish an additional shotgun, handgun, or
17 muzzleloading rifle 3-day season for counties that include or
18 are North of interstate I-88 that have deer herds affected with
19 chronic wasting disease. The Director may establish an
20 additional shotgun, handgun, or muzzleloading rifle 3-day
21 season for counties South of interstate I-88 where the Director
22 deems a significant number of deer herds are affected with
23 chronic wasting disease.

1 For the purposes of this Section, legal handguns include
2 any centerfire handguns of .30 caliber or larger with a minimum
3 barrel length of 4 inches. The only legal ammunition for a
4 centerfire handgun is a cartridge of .30 caliber or larger with
5 a capability of at least 500 foot pounds of energy at the
6 muzzle. Full metal jacket bullets may not be used to harvest
7 deer.

8 The Department shall make administrative rules concerning
9 management restrictions applicable to the firearm and bow and
10 arrow season.

11 It shall be unlawful for any person to take deer except
12 with a bow and arrow, or crossbow device for handicapped
13 persons, as defined in Section 2.33, and persons age 62 or
14 older during the open season for bow and arrow set annually by
15 the Director between the dates of September 1st and January
16 31st, both inclusive.

17 It shall be unlawful for any person to take deer except
18 with (i) a muzzleloading rifle, or (ii) bow and arrow, or
19 crossbow device for handicapped persons, as defined in Section
20 2.33, and persons age 62 or older during the open season for
21 muzzleloading rifles set annually by the Director.

22 The Director shall cause an administrative rule setting
23 forth the prescribed rules and regulations, including bag and
24 possession limits and those counties of the State where open
25 seasons are established, to be published in accordance with
26 Sections 1.3 and 1.13 of this Act.

1 The Department may establish separate harvest periods for
2 the purpose of managing or eradicating disease that has been
3 found in the deer herd. This season shall be restricted to gun
4 or bow and arrow hunting only. The Department shall publicly
5 announce, via statewide news release, the season dates and
6 shooting hours, the counties and sites open to hunting, permit
7 requirements, application dates, hunting rules, legal weapons,
8 and reporting requirements.

9 The Department is authorized to establish a separate
10 harvest period at specific sites within the State for the
11 purpose of harvesting surplus deer that cannot be taken during
12 the regular season provided for the taking of deer. This season
13 shall be restricted to gun or bow and arrow hunting only and
14 shall be established during the period of September 1st to
15 February 15th, both inclusive. The Department shall publish
16 suitable prescribed rules and regulations established by
17 administrative rule pertaining to management restrictions
18 applicable to this special harvest program. The Department
19 shall allow unused gun deer permits that are left over from a
20 regular season for the taking of deer to be rolled over and
21 used during any separate harvest period held within 6 months of
22 the season for which those tags were issued at no additional
23 cost to the permit holder subject to the management
24 restrictions applicable to the special harvest program.

25 (Source: P.A. 94-919, eff. 6-26-06; 95-13, eff. 1-1-08; 95-329,
26 eff. 8-21-07; 95-876, eff. 8-21-08.)