



## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB2413

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

515 ILCS 5/20-45  
520 ILCS 5/3.2

from Ch. 56, par. 20-45  
from Ch. 61, par. 3.2

Amends the Fish and Aquatic Life Code. Provides that the fee for all sport fishing licenses shall be waived for resident veterans of the United States Armed Forces that have been honorably discharged. Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that the fee for a hunting license to hunt all species shall be waived for resident veterans of the United States Armed Forces that have been honorably discharged. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

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 Fish and Aquatic Life Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 20-45 as follows:

6 (515 ILCS 5/20-45) (from Ch. 56, par. 20-45)

7 Sec. 20-45. License fees for residents. Fees for licenses  
8 for residents of the State of Illinois shall be as follows:

9 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, for  
10 sport fishing devices as defined in Section 10-95 or  
11 spearing devices as defined in Section 10-110, the fee is  
12 \$14.50 for individuals 16 to 64 years old and ~~7~~ one-half of  
13 the current fishing license fee for individuals age 65 or  
14 older, ~~and, commencing with the 2012 license year, one half~~  
15 ~~of the current fishing license fee for resident veterans of~~  
16 ~~the United States Armed Forces after returning from service~~  
17 ~~abroad or mobilization by the President of the United~~  
18 ~~States. Veterans must provide, to the Department at one of~~  
19 ~~the Department's 5 regional offices, verification of their~~  
20 ~~service. The Department shall establish what constitutes~~  
21 ~~suitable verification of service for the purpose of issuing~~  
22 ~~fishing licenses to resident veterans at a reduced fee.~~

23 (a-5) The fee for all sport fishing licenses shall be

1 waived for resident veterans of the United States Armed  
2 Forces that have been honorably discharged. Veterans must  
3 provide, to the Department at one of the Department's 5  
4 regional offices, verification of their service and  
5 honorable discharge. The Department shall establish what  
6 constitutes suitable verification of service and honorable  
7 discharge for the purpose of issuing fishing licenses to  
8 resident veterans without a fee.

9 (a-7) ~~(a-5)~~ The fee for all sport fishing licenses  
10 shall be \$1 for residents over 75 years of age.

11 (b) All residents before using any commercial fishing  
12 device shall obtain a commercial fishing license, the fee  
13 for which shall be \$60 and a resident fishing license, the  
14 fee for which is \$14.50. Each and every commercial device  
15 used shall be licensed by a resident commercial fisherman  
16 as follows:

17 (1) For each 100 lineal yards, or fraction thereof,  
18 of seine the fee is \$18. For each minnow seine, minnow  
19 trap, or net for commercial purposes the fee is \$20.

20 (2) For each device to fish with a 100 hook trot  
21 line device, basket trap, hoop net, or dip net the fee  
22 is \$3.

23 (3) When used in the waters of Lake Michigan, for  
24 the first 2000 lineal feet, or fraction thereof, of  
25 gill net the fee is \$10; and for each 1000 additional  
26 lineal feet, or fraction thereof, the fee is \$10. These

1 fees shall apply to all gill nets in use in the water  
2 or on drying reels on the shore.

3 (4) For each 100 lineal yards, or fraction thereof,  
4 of gill net or trammel net the fee is \$18.

5 (c) Residents of the State of Illinois may obtain a  
6 sportsmen's combination license that shall entitle the  
7 holder to the same non-commercial fishing privileges as  
8 residents holding a license as described in subsection (a)  
9 of this Section and to the same hunting privileges as  
10 residents holding a license to hunt all species as  
11 described in Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code. No  
12 sportsmen's combination license shall be issued to any  
13 individual who would be ineligible for either the fishing  
14 or hunting license separately. The sportsmen's combination  
15 license fee shall be \$25.50. For residents age 65 or older,  
16 the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a sportsmen's  
17 combination license. For resident veterans of the United  
18 States Armed Forces after returning from service abroad or  
19 mobilization by the President of the United States, the  
20 fee, commencing with the 2012 license year, is one-half of  
21 the fee charged for a sportsmen's combination license.  
22 Veterans must provide to the Department, at one of the  
23 Department's 5 regional offices, verification of their  
24 service. The Department shall establish what constitutes  
25 suitable verification of service for the purpose of issuing  
26 sportsmen's combination licenses to resident veterans at a

1 reduced fee.

2 (d) For 24 hours of fishing by sport fishing devices as  
3 defined in Section 10-95 or by spearing devices as defined  
4 in Section 10-110 the fee is \$5. This license does not  
5 exempt the licensee from the requirement for a salmon or  
6 inland trout stamp. The licenses provided for by this  
7 subsection are not required for residents of the State of  
8 Illinois who have obtained the license provided for in  
9 subsection (a) of this Section.

10 (e) All residents before using any commercial mussel  
11 device shall obtain a commercial mussel license, the fee  
12 for which shall be \$50.

13 (f) Residents of this State, upon establishing  
14 residency as required by the Department, may obtain a  
15 lifetime hunting or fishing license or lifetime  
16 sportsmen's combination license which shall entitle the  
17 holder to the same non-commercial fishing privileges as  
18 residents holding a license as described in paragraph (a)  
19 of this Section and to the same hunting privileges as  
20 residents holding a license to hunt all species as  
21 described in Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code. No lifetime  
22 sportsmen's combination license shall be issued to or  
23 retained by any individual who would be ineligible for  
24 either the fishing or hunting license separately, either  
25 upon issuance, or in any year a violation would subject an  
26 individual to have either or both fishing or hunting

1           privileges rescinded. The lifetime hunting and fishing  
2           license fees shall be as follows:

3                   (1) Lifetime fishing: 30 x the current fishing  
4           license fee.

5                   (2) Lifetime hunting: 30 x the current hunting  
6           license fee.

7                   (3) Lifetime sportsmen's combination license: 30 x  
8           the current sportsmen's combination license fee.

9           Lifetime licenses shall not be refundable. A \$10 fee shall  
10          be charged for reissuing any lifetime license. The Department  
11          may establish rules and regulations for the issuance and use of  
12          lifetime licenses and may suspend or revoke any lifetime  
13          license issued under this Section for violations of those rules  
14          or regulations or other provisions under this Code or the  
15          Wildlife Code. Individuals under 16 years of age who possess a  
16          lifetime hunting or sportsmen's combination license shall have  
17          in their possession, while in the field, a certificate of  
18          competency as required under Section 3.2 of the Wildlife Code.  
19          Any lifetime license issued under this Section shall not exempt  
20          individuals from obtaining additional stamps or permits  
21          required under the provisions of this Code or the Wildlife  
22          Code. Individuals required to purchase additional stamps shall  
23          sign the stamps and have them in their possession while fishing  
24          or hunting with a lifetime license. All fees received from the  
25          issuance of lifetime licenses shall be deposited in the Fish  
26          and Wildlife Endowment Fund.

1           Except for licenses issued under subsection (e) of this  
2 Section, all licenses provided for in this Section shall expire  
3 on March 31 of each year, except that the license provided for  
4 in subsection (d) of this Section shall expire 24 hours after  
5 the effective date and time listed on the face of the license.

6           All individuals required to have and failing to have the  
7 license provided for in subsection (a) or (d) of this Section  
8 shall be fined according to the provisions of Section 20-35 of  
9 this Code.

10           All individuals required to have and failing to have the  
11 licenses provided for in subsections (b) and (e) of this  
12 Section shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

13           (Source: P.A. 97-498, eff. 4-1-12; 97-1136, eff. 1-1-13;  
14 98-800, eff. 8-1-14.)

15           Section 10. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing  
16 Section 3.2 as follows:

17           (520 ILCS 5/3.2) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.2)

18           Sec. 3.2. Hunting license; application; instruction.  
19 Before the Department or any county, city, village, township,  
20 incorporated town clerk or his duly designated agent or any  
21 other person authorized or designated by the Department to  
22 issue hunting licenses shall issue a hunting license to any  
23 person, the person shall file his application with the  
24 Department or other party authorized to issue licenses on a

1 form provided by the Department and further give definite proof  
2 of identity and place of legal residence. Each clerk  
3 designating agents to issue licenses and stamps shall furnish  
4 the Department, within 10 days following the appointment, the  
5 names and mailing addresses of the agents. Each clerk or his  
6 duly designated agent shall be authorized to sell licenses and  
7 stamps only within the territorial area for which he was  
8 elected or appointed. No duly designated agent is authorized to  
9 furnish licenses or stamps for issuance by any other business  
10 establishment. Each application shall be executed and sworn to  
11 and shall set forth the name and description of the applicant  
12 and place of residence.

13 No hunting license shall be issued to any person born on or  
14 after January 1, 1980 unless he presents the person authorized  
15 to issue the license evidence that he has held a hunting  
16 license issued by the State of Illinois or another state in a  
17 prior year, or a certificate of competency as provided in this  
18 Section. Persons under 16 years of age may be issued a Lifetime  
19 Hunting or Sportsmen's Combination License as provided under  
20 Section 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code but shall not  
21 be entitled to hunt unless they have a certificate of  
22 competency as provided in this Section and they shall have the  
23 certificate in their possession while hunting.

24 The Department of Natural Resources shall authorize  
25 personnel of the Department or certified volunteer instructors  
26 to conduct courses, of not less than 10 hours in length, in



1 firearms and hunter safety, which may include training in bow  
2 and arrow safety, at regularly specified intervals throughout  
3 the State. Persons successfully completing the course shall  
4 receive a certificate of competency. The Department of Natural  
5 Resources may further cooperate with any reputable association  
6 or organization in establishing courses if the organization has  
7 as one of its objectives the promotion of safety in the  
8 handling of firearms or bow and arrow.

9 The Department of Natural Resources shall designate any  
10 person found by it to be competent to give instruction in the  
11 handling of firearms, hunter safety, and bow and arrow. The  
12 persons so appointed shall give the course of instruction and  
13 upon the successful completion shall issue to the person  
14 instructed a certificate of competency in the safe handling of  
15 firearms, hunter safety, and bow and arrow. No charge shall be  
16 made for any course of instruction except for materials or  
17 ammunition consumed. The Department of Natural Resources shall  
18 furnish information on the requirements of hunter safety  
19 education programs to be distributed free of charge to  
20 applicants for hunting licenses by the persons appointed and  
21 authorized to issue licenses. Funds for the conducting of  
22 firearms and hunter safety courses shall be taken from the fee  
23 charged for the Firearm Owners Identification Card.

24 The fee for a hunting license to hunt all species for a  
25 resident of Illinois is \$12. For residents age 65 or older,  
26 ~~and, commencing with the 2012 license year, resident veterans~~

1 ~~of the United States Armed Forces after returning from service~~  
2 ~~abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States,~~  
3 the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a hunting license to  
4 hunt all species for a resident of Illinois. The fee for a  
5 hunting license to hunt all species shall be waived for  
6 resident veterans of the United States Armed Forces that have  
7 been honorably discharged. Veterans must provide to the  
8 Department, at one of the Department's 5 regional offices,  
9 verification of their service and honorable discharge. The  
10 Department shall establish what constitutes suitable  
11 verification of service and honorable discharge for the purpose  
12 of issuing resident veterans hunting licenses without a fee at  
13 ~~a reduced fee.~~ The fee for a hunting license to hunt all  
14 species shall be \$1 for residents over 75 years of age.  
15 Nonresidents shall be charged \$57 for a hunting license.

16 Nonresidents may be issued a nonresident hunting license  
17 for a period not to exceed 10 consecutive days' hunting in the  
18 State and shall be charged a fee of \$35.

19 A special nonresident hunting license authorizing a  
20 nonresident to take game birds by hunting on a game breeding  
21 and hunting preserve area only, established under Section 3.27,  
22 shall be issued upon proper application being made and payment  
23 of a fee equal to that for a resident hunting license. The  
24 expiration date of this license shall be on the same date each  
25 year that game breeding and hunting preserve area licenses  
26 expire.

1           Each applicant for a State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp,  
2 regardless of his residence or other condition, shall pay a fee  
3 of \$15 and shall receive a stamp. The fee for a State Migratory  
4 Waterfowl Stamp shall be waived for residents over 75 years of  
5 age. Except as provided under Section 20-45 of the Fish and  
6 Aquatic Life Code, the stamp shall be signed by the person or  
7 affixed to his license or permit in a space designated by the  
8 Department for that purpose.

9           Each applicant for a State Habitat Stamp, regardless of his  
10 residence or other condition, shall pay a fee of \$5 and shall  
11 receive a stamp. The fee for a State Habitat Stamp shall be  
12 waived for residents over 75 years of age. Except as provided  
13 under Section 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code, the  
14 stamp shall be signed by the person or affixed to his license  
15 or permit in a space designated by the Department for that  
16 purpose.

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

20           The fees for State Pheasant Stamps and State Furbearer  
21 Stamps shall be waived for residents over 75 years of age.

22           The Department shall furnish the holders of hunting  
23 licenses and stamps with an insignia as evidence of possession  
24 of license, or license and stamp, as the Department may  
25 consider advisable. The insignia shall be exhibited and used as  
26 the Department may order.

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

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

13 (Source: P.A. 97-498, eff. 4-1-12; 98-800, eff. 8-1-14.)

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
15 becoming law.