

# HB6018



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**HB6018**

by Rep. Kelly M. Cassidy

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

520 ILCS 5/2.30

from Ch. 61, par. 2.30

Amends the Wildlife Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the taking of various animals.

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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 2.30 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/2.30) (from Ch. 61, par. 2.30)

7 Sec. 2.30. It shall be unlawful for any person to trap or  
8 ~~or~~ to hunt with gun, dog, dog and gun, or bow and arrow, gray  
9 fox, red fox, raccoon, weasel, mink, muskrat, badger, bobcat,  
10 and opossum except during the open season which will be set  
11 annually by the Director between 12:01 a.m., November 1 to  
12 12:00 midnight, February 15, both inclusive.

13 It is unlawful to pursue any fur-bearing mammal with a dog  
14 or dogs between the hours of sunset and sunrise during the 10  
15 day period preceding the opening date of the raccoon hunting  
16 season and the 10 day period following the closing date of the  
17 raccoon hunting season except that the Department may issue  
18 field trial permits in accordance with Section 2.34 of this  
19 Act. A non-resident from a state with more restrictive  
20 fur-bearer pursuit regulations for any particular species than  
21 provided for that species in this Act may not pursue that  
22 species in Illinois except during the period of time that  
23 Illinois residents are allowed to pursue that species in the

1 non-resident's state of residence. Hound running areas  
2 approved by the Department shall be exempt from the provisions  
3 of this Section.

4 It shall be unlawful to take beaver, river otter, weasel,  
5 mink, or muskrat except during the open season set annually by  
6 the Director, and then, only with traps, except that a firearm,  
7 pistol, or airgun of a caliber not larger than a .22 long rifle  
8 may be used to remove the animal from the trap.

9 It shall be unlawful for any person to trap beaver or river  
10 otter with traps except during the open season which will be  
11 set annually by the Director between 12:01 a.m., November 1st  
12 and 12:00 midnight, March 31, both inclusive.

13 Coyote may be taken by trapping methods only during the  
14 period from September 1 to March 1, both inclusive, and by  
15 hunting methods at any time.

16 Striped skunk may be taken by trapping methods only during  
17 the period from September 1 to March 1, both inclusive, and by  
18 hunting methods at any time.

19 Muskrat may be taken by trapping methods during an open  
20 season set annually by the Director.

21 For the purpose of taking fur-bearing mammals, the State  
22 may be divided into management zones by administrative rule.

23 It shall be unlawful to take or possess more than the  
24 season limit or possession limit of fur-bearing mammals that  
25 shall be set annually by the Director. The season limit for  
26 river otter shall not exceed 5 river otters per person per

1 season. The season limit for bobcat shall not exceed one bobcat  
2 per permit. Possession limits shall not apply to fur buyers,  
3 tanners, manufacturers, and taxidermists, as defined by this  
4 Act, who possess fur-bearing mammals in accordance with laws  
5 governing such activities.

6 Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the taking or  
7 possessing of fur-bearing mammals found dead or  
8 unintentionally killed by a vehicle along a roadway during the  
9 open season provided the person who possesses such fur-bearing  
10 mammals has all appropriate licenses, stamps, or permits; the  
11 season for which the species possessed is open; and that such  
12 possession and disposal of such fur-bearing mammals is  
13 otherwise subject to the provisions of this Section.

14 The provisions of this Section are subject to modification  
15 by administrative rule.

16 (Source: P.A. 98-463, eff. 8-16-13; 98-924, eff. 8-15-14;  
17 99-33, eff. 1-1-16.)