

HB0480



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

520 ILCS 5/3.1

from Ch. 61, par. 3.1

Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that a spouse of an owner's or tenant's child, parent, brother, or sister actually permanently residing on farm lands shall have the right to hunt any of the species protected by the Code upon the land and waters without procuring hunting licenses (rather than only the owner's or tenant's children, parents, brothers, and sisters); but the hunting shall be done only during periods of time and with devices and by methods as are permitted by the Code.

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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 3.1 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. Veterans with disabilities and former
23 prisoners of war shall not be required to obtain State Habitat

1 Stamps. Any person who obtained a lifetime license before
2 January 1, 1993, shall not be required to obtain State Habitat
3 Stamps. Income from the sale of State Furbearer Stamps and
4 State Pheasant Stamps received after the effective date of this
5 amendatory Act of 1992 shall be deposited into the State
6 Furbearer Fund and State Pheasant Fund, respectively.

7 Before any person 16 years of age or older shall take,
8 attempt to take, or sell the green hide of any mammal of the
9 species defined as fur-bearing mammals by Section 2.2 for which
10 an open season is established under this Act, he shall first
11 have procured a State Habitat Stamp.

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

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

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

24 (c) The owners residing on, or bona fide tenants of, farm
25 lands and their children, parents, brothers, ~~and~~ sisters, and
26 the spouse of their child, parent, brother, or sister actually

1 permanently residing on the land ~~their lands~~ shall have the
2 right to hunt any of the species protected by Section 2.2 upon
3 their lands and waters without procuring hunting licenses; but
4 the hunting shall be done only during periods of time and with
5 devices and by methods as are permitted by this Act. Any person
6 on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States who
7 is now and who was at the time of entering the Armed Forces a
8 resident of Illinois and who entered the Armed Forces from this
9 State, and who is presently on ordinary or emergency leave from
10 the Armed Forces, and any resident of Illinois who has a
11 disability may hunt any of the species protected by Section 2.2
12 without procuring a hunting license, but the hunting shall be
13 done only during such periods of time and with devices and by
14 methods as are permitted by this Act. For the purpose of this
15 Section a person is a person with a disability when that person
16 has a Type 1 or Type 4, Class 2 disability as defined in
17 Section 4A of the Illinois Identification Card Act. For
18 purposes of this Section, an Illinois Person with a Disability
19 Identification Card issued pursuant to the Illinois
20 Identification Card Act indicating that the person named has a
21 Type 1 or Type 4, Class 2 disability shall be adequate
22 documentation of the disability.

23 (d) A courtesy non-resident license, permit, or stamp for
24 taking game may be issued at the discretion of the Director,
25 without fee, to any person officially employed in the game and
26 fish or conservation department of another state or of the

1 United States who is within the State to assist or consult or
2 cooperate with the Director; or to the officials of other
3 states, the United States, foreign countries, or officers or
4 representatives of conservation organizations or publications
5 while in the State as guests of the Governor or Director. The
6 Director may provide to nonresident participants and official
7 gunners at field trials an exemption from licensure while
8 participating in a field trial.

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

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

24 The Department shall publish suitable prescribed
25 regulations pertaining to registration by the migratory bird
26 hunter in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Migratory Bird

- 1 Harvest Information Program.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)