

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 University of Illinois Act is amended by
5 adding Section 12.10 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 305/12.10 new)

7 Sec. 12.10. Supplemental deer food; study. The University
8 of Illinois Prairie Research Institute shall, subject to
9 appropriation and in consultation with the Department of
10 Natural Resources and the University of Illinois College of
11 Veterinary Medicine, conduct a study for a period of at least 5
12 years on the health and social effects of supplemental deer
13 feeding on the wild deer population outside of any Illinois
14 deer hunting season and whether supplemental deer feeding
15 affects the risk of disease transmission in the deer
16 population. Supplemental deer feeding may not occur during the
17 initial year of the study. For each subsequent year of the
18 study, supplemental deer feeding may occur from February 1 to
19 August 15 of that year. For the purpose of this study,
20 supplemental deer feeding shall include any supplemental food
21 source. The study must be conducted statewide. During the
22 study, supplemental deer feeding is permitted on private lands
23 through voluntary participation by landowners. Public lands of

1 this State may not be utilized as supplemental deer feeding
2 areas and must be utilized to obtain non-supplemental feeding
3 specimens throughout the study. The University of Illinois
4 Prairie Research Institute and the University of Illinois
5 College of Veterinary Medicine shall submit the study's
6 findings and any recommendations to the Department of Natural
7 Resources, to be posted on its Internet website, and the
8 General Assembly in a report no more than 180 days after the
9 completion of the study. The report to the General Assembly
10 shall be filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
11 and the Secretary of the Senate in electronic form only, in the
12 manner that the Clerk and Secretary shall direct.