

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 HB3702

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

515 ILCS 5/20-85

from Ch. 56, par. 20-85

Amends the Fish and Aquatic Life Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning taxidermy.

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1 AN ACT concerning fish.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Fish and Aquatic Life Code is amended by changing Section 20-85 as follows:
- 6 (515 ILCS 5/20-85) (from Ch. 56, par. 20-85)
- 7 Sec. 20-85. Taxidermist license.
- (a) Before engaging in the the business of taxidermy, every 8 person shall obtain a license for that purpose from the 9 Department. Application for a license shall be filed with the 10 Department and shall set forth the name of the applicant; its 11 principal officers, if the applicant is a corporation, or the 12 partners, if the applicant is a partnership; the location of 13 14 the place of business; and any additional information the 15 Department may require. The annual fee for each taxidermist license shall be \$25. All licenses issued to taxidermists are 16 17 valid only at the location described and designated on the application for the license. All taxidermist licenses shall 18 19 expire on January 31 of each year. Individuals employed by a 20 licensed taxidermist shall not be required to possess a taxidermist license while working for and at the place of 21 business of the license holder. 22
 - Licensed taxidermists shall submit to the Department a list naming all individuals who will be working at the place of business specified on the permit. Only those individuals whose names are on file with the Department shall be authorized to work under the scope of the taxidermist's license.
- 28 (b) Taxidermists shall keep written records of all aquatic
 29 life or parts of aquatic life received or returned by them.
- 30 Records shall include the following information:
- 31 (1) The date the aquatic life was received.
- 32 (2) The name and address of the person from whom the

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- 1 aquatic life was received.
 - (3) The number and species of all aquatic life received.
 - (4) The number and state of issuance of the fishing license, or special Department permit, of the person from whom the aquatic life was received. In the absence of a license or permit number, the taxidermist may rely on the written certification of the person from whom the aquatic life was received that the specimen was legally taken or obtained, or, in the event the person is exempt from the apposite license requirements, an indication of the exemption.
 - (c) All aquatic life or parts of aquatic life that have been received, preserved, mounted, or possessed by a taxidermist are required to bear a coded origin tag or label. The coded origin tag or label shall correspond with written records containing more complete information as required by the Department.
 - (d) Taxidermy records shall be open for inspection by any peace officer at any reasonable hour. Taxidermists shall maintain records for a period of 2 years from the date of receipt of the aquatic life or for as long as the specimen or mount remains in the taxidermist's possession, whichever is longer.
 - The Department may require the taxidermist to submit to it any information it deems necessary.
 - (e) No taxidermist shall have in his or her possession any aquatic life that is not listed in his or her written records and properly tagged or labeled.
 - (f) All persons licensed as taxidermists under this Code who shall ship any aquatic life or parts of aquatic life that have been received, preserved, or mounted shall tag or label the shipment and the tag or label shall state the name of the taxidermist and the number and date of his or her license.
- 35 (g) Nothing in this Section removes taxidermists from 36 responsibility for the observance of any federal laws, rules,

- or regulations that may apply to the taxidermy business.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 88-416; 89-66, eff. 1-1-96.)