



## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2005 and 2006

HB5333

Introduced 01/26/06, by Rep. Jim Sacia

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

520 ILCS 5/3.17-A new

Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that any individual engaged in field sport in this State must be licensed as a field sport huntsman or accompanied by a licensed field sport huntsman. Sets forth certain requirements for this license. Provides that a person engaged in field sport without a license or without being accompanied by a licensed field sport huntsman shall be guilty of a petty offense and subject to an administrative fine. Provides that the holder of a field sport license shall be liable for any damage to real or personal property caused by a field sport hunting party in which the licensee was present, participated in, sponsored, or otherwise accompanied. Defines "field sport" as any organized hunt that uses dogs or hounds for tracking game including, without limitation, foxes and coyotes.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

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 adding Section  
5 3.17-A as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/3.17-A new)

7 Sec. 3.17-A. Field sport license; fee. Any individual  
8 engaged in field sport in this State must be licensed as a  
9 field sport huntsman or accompanied by a licensed field sport  
10 huntsman. The annual fee for this license shall be \$50 and  
11 licenses shall expire on March 31, of each year. A person  
12 holding a field sport license shall have the license in his  
13 possession for immediate presentation for inspection to the  
14 authorized employees of the Department, any sheriff, deputy  
15 sheriff, or any other peace officer, making demand for the  
16 license. A person engaged in field sport without a license or  
17 without being accompanied by a licensed field sport huntsman  
18 shall be guilty of a petty offense and subject to an  
19 administrative fine.

20 Nothing in this Section shall be deemed to authorize the  
21 trespass of a person involved in a field sport or a field sport  
22 licensee onto the real property of any other person. The holder  
23 of a field sport license shall be liable for any damage to real  
24 or personal property caused by a field sport hunting party in  
25 which the licensee was present, participated in, sponsored, or  
26 otherwise accompanied.

27 For the purposes of this Section "field sport" means any  
28 organized hunt that uses dogs or hounds for tracking game  
29 including, without limitation, foxes and coyotes.