

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2007 and 2008 SB2560

Introduced 2/15/2008, by Sen. Todd Sieben

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

520 ILCS 5/3.1-5

Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that nonresidents (as well as residents) may apply for an apprentice hunter license. Provides that apprentice hunters may hunt under the supervision of a nonresident (as well as a resident) validly licensed parent, guardian, or grandparent. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning wildlife.

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

- 4 Section 5. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing Section
- 5 3.1-5 as follows:
- 6 (520 ILCS 5/3.1-5)
- 7 Sec. 3.1-5. Apprentice Hunter License Program.
- 8 (a) Beginning 120 days after the effective date of this
- 9 amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly, the Department
- 10 shall establish an Apprentice Hunter License Program. The
- 11 purpose of this Program shall be to extend limited hunting
- 12 privileges, in lieu of obtaining a valid hunting license, to
- 13 persons interested in learning about hunting sports.
- 14 (b) Any resident or nonresident who is at least 10 years
- old may apply to the Department for an Apprentice Hunter
- 16 License. The Apprentice Hunter License shall be a one-time,
- 17 non-renewable license that shall expire on the March 31
- 18 following the date of issuance.
- 19 (c) For persons aged 10 through 17, the Apprentice Hunter
- 20 License shall entitle the licensee to hunt while supervised by
- 21 a validly licensed resident or nonresident parent, guardian, or
- 22 grandparent. For persons 18 or older, the Apprentice Hunter
- 23 License shall entitle the licensee to hunt while supervised by

- a validly licensed resident <u>or nonresident</u> hunter. Possession of an Apprentice Hunter License shall serve in lieu of a valid hunting license, but does not exempt the licensee from
- 4 compliance with the requirements of this Code and any rules and
- 5 regulations adopted pursuant to this Code.
- 6 (d) In order to be approved for the Apprentice Hunter
- 7 License, the applicant must be a resident of Illinois, request
- 8 an Apprentice Hunter License on a form designated and made
- 9 available by the Department, and submit a \$7 fee, which shall
- 10 be separate from and additional to any other stamp, permit,
- 11 tag, or license fee that may be required for hunting under this
- 12 Code. The Department shall adopt suitable administrative rules
- that are reasonable and necessary for the administration of the
- 14 program, but shall not require any certificate of competency or
- other hunting education as a condition of the Apprentice Hunter
- 16 License.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 94-1024, eff. 7-14-06.)
- 18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 19 becoming law.