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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2574

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2574 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing
5 Section 3.1-4 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/3.1-4)

7 Sec. 3.1-4. Military members returning from mobilization
8 and service outside the United States.

9 (a) After returning from service abroad or mobilization by
10 the President of the United States as an active duty member of
11 the United States Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or
12 the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces, an Illinois
13 resident may hunt any of the species protected by Section 2.2
14 of this Code without paying any fees required to obtain a
15 hunting license for the time period prescribed by subsection
16 (b) of this Section if the Illinois resident applies for a

1 license within 2 years after returning from service abroad or
2 mobilization. The applicant shall provide acceptable
3 verification of service or mobilization to the Department
4 either at the Department's office in Springfield or at a
5 Regional Office of the Department.

6 (b) For each year that an applicant is an active duty
7 member pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section, the
8 applicant shall receive one free hunting license, one free Deer
9 Hunting Permit as provided in Section 2.26 of this Code and
10 rules adopted pursuant to that Section, and one free State
11 Habitat Stamp. For the purposes of this determination, if the
12 period of active duty is a portion of a year (for example, one
13 year and 3 months), the applicant will be credited with a full
14 year for the portion of a year served.

15 (c) (Blank).

16 (c-5) An Illinois resident veteran may obtain an Illinois
17 Hunter Education card if he or she completes the online study
18 section of the Illinois Hunter Education program and provides
19 the Department with acceptable verification of service or
20 mobilization.

21 (d) For the purposes of this Section, "acceptable
22 verification of service or mobilization" means official
23 documentation from the Department of Defense or the appropriate
24 Major Command showing mobilization dates or service abroad
25 dates, including: (i) a DD-214, (ii) a letter from the Illinois
26 Department of Military Affairs for members of the Illinois

1 National Guard, (iii) a letter from the Regional Reserve
2 Command for members of the Armed Forces Reserve, (iv) a letter
3 from the Major Command covering Illinois for active duty
4 members, (v) personnel records for mobilized State employees,
5 and (vi) any other documentation that the Department, by
6 administrative rule, deems acceptable to establish dates of
7 mobilization or service abroad.

8 (e) For the purposes of this Section, the term "service
9 abroad" means active duty service outside of the 50 United
10 States and the District of Columbia, and includes all active
11 duty service in territories and possessions of the United
12 States.

13 (Source: P.A. 96-1014, eff. 1-1-11.)

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
15 becoming law."