



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB1315

Introduced 1/28/2025, by Rep. Christopher "C.D." Davidsmeyer and Tony M. McCombie

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

520 ILCS 5/3.1-6

Amends the Wildlife Code. In provisions concerning special deer, turkey, and combination hunting licenses, provides that one or more of the following shall constitute evidence of land ownership: a current property tax bill for the property showing that the hunter is the owner of the property; a current income tax return filed with the Department of Revenue by the hunter showing that the hunter is the owner of the property; or a current Conservation Reserve Program credit award from the United States Department of Agriculture, naming the individual hunter as the credit awardee.

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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 changing
5 Section 3.1-6 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/3.1-6)

7 Sec. 3.1-6. Special deer, turkey, and combination hunting
8 licenses.

9 (a) For the purpose of this Section:

10 "Bona fide equity member" means an individual who:

11 (1) (i) became a member upon the formation of the
12 limited liability company or (ii) has purchased a
13 distributional interest in a limited liability company for
14 a value equal to the percentage of the appraised value of
15 the LLC assets represented by the distributional interest
16 in the LLC and subsequently becomes a member of the
17 company under Article 30 of the Limited Liability Company
18 Act; and

19 (2) intends to retain the membership for at least 5
20 years.

21 "Bona fide equity partner" means an individual who:

22 (1) (i) became a partner, either general or limited,
23 upon the formation of a partnership or limited

1 partnership, or (ii) has purchased, acquired, or been
2 gifted a partnership interest accurately representing his
3 or her percentage distributional interest in the profits,
4 losses, and assets of a partnership or limited
5 partnership;

6 (2) intends to retain ownership of the partnership
7 interest for at least 5 years; and

8 (3) is a resident of this State.

9 "Bona fide equity shareholder" means an individual who:

10 (1) purchased, for market price, publicly sold stock
11 shares in a corporation, purchased shares of a
12 privately-held corporation for a value equal to the
13 percentage of the appraised value of the corporate assets
14 represented by the ownership in the corporation, or is a
15 member of a closely-held family-owned corporation and has
16 purchased or been gifted with shares of stock in the
17 corporation accurately reflecting his or her percentage of
18 ownership; and

19 (2) intends to retain the ownership of the shares of
20 stock for at least 5 years.

21 (b) Landowner Deer, Turkey, and combination permits shall
22 be issued without charge to:

23 (1) Illinois landowners residing in this State who own
24 at least 40 acres of Illinois land and wish to hunt upon
25 their land only;

26 (2) resident tenants of at least 40 acres of

1 commercial agricultural land where they will hunt; and

2 (3) bona fide equity shareholders of a corporation,
3 bona fide equity members of a limited liability company,
4 or bona fide equity partners of a general or limited
5 partnership which owns at least 40 acres of land in a
6 county in this State who wish to hunt on the
7 corporation's, company's, or partnership's land only. One
8 permit shall be issued without charge to one bona fide
9 equity shareholder, one bona fide equity member, or one
10 bona fide equity partner for each 40 acres of land owned by
11 the corporation, company, or partnership in a county;
12 however, the number of permits issued without charge to
13 bona fide equity shareholders of any corporation or bona
14 fide equity members of a limited liability company in any
15 county shall not exceed 15, and shall not exceed 3 in the
16 case of bona fide equity partners of a partnership.

17 One or more of the following shall constitute evidence of
18 land ownership for the purposes of this Section: a current
19 property tax bill for the property showing that the hunter is
20 the owner of the property; a current income tax return filed
21 with the Department of Revenue by the hunter showing that the
22 hunter is the owner of the property; or a current Conservation
23 Reserve Program credit award from the United States Department
24 of Agriculture, naming the individual hunter as the credit
25 awardee.

26 Bona fide landowners or tenants who do not wish to hunt

1 only on the land they own, rent, or lease or bona fide equity
2 shareholders, bona fide equity members, or bona fide equity
3 partners who do not wish to hunt only on the land owned by the
4 corporation, limited liability company, or partnership shall
5 be charged the same fee as the applicant who is not a
6 landowner, tenant, bona fide equity shareholder, bona fide
7 equity member, or bona fide equity partner. Nonresidents of
8 this State who own at least 40 acres of land and wish to hunt
9 on their land only shall be charged a fee set by administrative
10 rule. The method for obtaining these permits shall be
11 prescribed by administrative rule.

12 (c) The deer, turkey, or combination hunting permit issued
13 without fee shall be valid on all farm lands which the person
14 to whom it is issued owns, leases or rents, except that in the
15 case of a permit issued to a bona fide equity shareholder, bona
16 fide equity member, or bona fide equity partner, the permit
17 shall be valid on all lands owned by the corporation, limited
18 liability company, or partnership in the county.

19 (Source: P.A. 99-869, eff. 1-1-17.)