

# HB2340



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB2340

Introduced 2/4/2025, by Rep. Tony M. McCombie

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

520 ILCS 5/3.1-6

Amends the Wildlife Code. Authorizes the issuance of landowner deer, turkey, and combination permits to landowners, resident tenants, and bona fide equity shareholders, members, or partners with at least 20 acres in a county where the Department of Natural Resources has positively identified chronic wasting disease cases in the deer herd (rather than 40 acres of land).

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A BILL FOR

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, or at least 20 acres in  
25 a county where the Department has positively identified  
26 chronic wasting disease cases in the deer herd, and wish

1 to hunt upon their land only;

2 (2) resident tenants of at least 40 acres of  
3 commercial agricultural land where they will hunt or at  
4 least 20 acres of commercial agricultural land where they  
5 will hunt in a county where the Department has positively  
6 identified chronic wasting disease cases in the deer herd;  
7 and

8 (3) bona fide equity shareholders of a corporation,  
9 bona fide equity members of a limited liability company,  
10 or bona fide equity partners of a general or limited  
11 partnership which owns at least 40 acres of land in a  
12 county in this State, or at least 20 acres in a county  
13 where the Department has positively identified chronic  
14 wasting disease cases in the deer herd, who wish to hunt on  
15 the corporation's, company's, or partnership's land only.  
16 One permit shall be issued without charge to one bona fide  
17 equity shareholder, one bona fide equity member, or one  
18 bona fide equity partner for each 40 acres of land owned by  
19 the corporation, company, or partnership in a county or  
20 for each 20 acres of land owned by the corporation,  
21 company, or partnership in a county where the Department  
22 has positively identified chronic wasting disease cases in  
23 the deer herd; however, the number of permits issued  
24 without charge to bona fide equity shareholders of any  
25 corporation or bona fide equity members of a limited  
26 liability company in any county shall not exceed 15, and

1 shall not exceed 3 in the case of bona fide equity partners  
2 of a partnership.

3 Bona fide landowners or tenants who do not wish to hunt  
4 only on the land they own, rent, or lease or bona fide equity  
5 shareholders, bona fide equity members, or bona fide equity  
6 partners who do not wish to hunt only on the land owned by the  
7 corporation, limited liability company, or partnership shall  
8 be charged the same fee as the applicant who is not a  
9 landowner, tenant, bona fide equity shareholder, bona fide  
10 equity member, or bona fide equity partner. Nonresidents of  
11 this State who own at least 40 acres of land, or at least 20  
12 acres in a county where the Department has positively  
13 identified chronic wasting disease cases in the deer herd, and  
14 wish to hunt on their land only shall be charged a fee set by  
15 administrative rule. The method for obtaining these permits  
16 shall be prescribed by administrative rule.

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

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