

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 Bona fide landowners or tenants who do not wish to hunt
18 only on the land they own, rent, or lease or bona fide equity
19 shareholders, bona fide equity members, or bona fide equity
20 partners who do not wish to hunt only on the land owned by the
21 corporation, limited liability company, or partnership shall
22 be charged the same fee as the applicant who is not a
23 landowner, tenant, bona fide equity shareholder, bona fide
24 equity member, or bona fide equity partner. Nonresidents of
25 this State who own at least 40 acres of land and wish to hunt
26 on their land only shall be charged a fee set by administrative

1 rule. The method for obtaining these permits shall be
2 prescribed by administrative rule.

3 (b-5) Landowner Deer permits shall be issued without
4 charge to:

5 (1) Illinois landowners residing in this State who own
6 at least 20 acres of Illinois land that is located in a
7 county where the Department has positively identified
8 chronic wasting disease cases in the deer herd, and who
9 wish to hunt upon their land only;

10 (2) resident tenants of at least 20 acres of
11 commercial agricultural land that is located in a county
12 where the Department has positively identified chronic
13 wasting disease cases in the deer herd where they will
14 hunt and who wish to hunt upon the land they are tenants of
15 only; and

16 (3) bona fide equity shareholders of a corporation,
17 bona fide equity members of a limited liability company,
18 or bona fide equity partners of a general or limited
19 partnership which owns at least 20 acres of land in a
20 county in this State where the Department has positively
21 identified chronic wasting disease cases in the deer herd
22 and who wish to hunt on the corporation's, company's, or
23 partnership's land only. One permit shall be issued
24 without charge to one bona fide equity shareholder, one
25 bona fide equity member, or one bona fide equity partner
26 for each 20 acres of land owned by the corporation,

1 company, or partnership in a county; however, the number
2 of permits issued without charge to bona fide equity
3 shareholders of any corporation or bona fide equity
4 members of a limited liability company in any county shall
5 not exceed 15, and shall not exceed 3 in the case of bona
6 fide equity partners of a partnership.

7 Bona fide landowners or tenants who do not wish to
8 hunt only on the land they own, rent, or lease or bona fide
9 equity shareholders, bona fide equity members, or bona
10 fide equity partners who do not wish to hunt only on the
11 land owned by the corporation, limited liability company,
12 or partnership shall be charged the same fee as the
13 applicant who is not a landowner, tenant, bona fide equity
14 shareholder, bona fide equity member, or bona fide equity
15 partner.

16 Nonresidents of this State who own at least 20 acres of
17 land where the Department has positively identified chronic
18 wasting disease cases in the deer herd and who wish to hunt on
19 their land only shall be charged a fee set by administrative
20 rule. The method for obtaining these permits shall be
21 prescribed by administrative rule.

22 (c) The deer, turkey, or combination hunting permit issued
23 without fee shall be valid on all farm lands which the person
24 to whom it is issued owns, leases or rents, except that in the
25 case of a permit issued to a bona fide equity shareholder, bona
26 fide equity member, or bona fide equity partner, the permit

1 shall be valid on all lands owned by the corporation, limited
2 liability company, or partnership in the county.

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