

SB3053



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/28/2026, by Sen. Neil Anderson

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

510 ILCS 68/5-30

Amends the Herptiles-Herps Act. Provides that, notwithstanding any administrative rule to the contrary, common snapping turtles may be taken by live trap, subject to the following conditions: (1) live traps must be checked every 24 hours; (2) live traps must be equipped with flotation equipment, adequate to have at least 2 inches of the containment area above the surface of the water; and (3) every live trap must be marked with the owner's name and address or Department of Natural Resources customer number (rather than notwithstanding any administrative rule to the contrary, snapping turtles may be taken by trap).

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning animals.

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

4 Section 5. The Herptiles-Herps Act is amended by changing
5 Section 5-30 as follows:

6 (510 ILCS 68/5-30)

7 Sec. 5-30. Taking of turtles or bullfrogs; illegal
8 devices.

9 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, turtles
10 ~~Turtles~~ or bullfrogs may be taken only by methods set forth in
11 administrative rule.

12 (b) Bullfrog; common snapping turtle; open season.

13 (1) All persons taking bullfrogs shall possess a valid
14 sport fishing license issued under Article 20 of the Fish
15 and Aquatic Life Code and may take bullfrogs only during
16 the open season to be specified by administrative rule.

17 (2) The daily catch limit and total possession limit
18 for all properly licensed persons shall be specified by
19 administrative rule.

20 (3) All persons taking common snapping turtles shall
21 possess a valid sport fishing license issued under Article
22 20 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code and may take common
23 snapping turtles only during the open season to be

1 specified by administrative rule. Common snapping turtles
2 (Chelydra serpentina) may be taken only by methods set
3 forth in administrative rule, except in the counties
4 listed in administrative rule where bowfishing for common
5 snapping turtles is not allowed. Notwithstanding any
6 administrative rule to the contrary, common snapping
7 turtles may be taken by live trap, subject to the
8 following conditions:

9 (A) live traps must be checked every 24 hours;

10 (B) live traps must be equipped with flotation
11 equipment, adequate to have at least 2 inches of the
12 containment area above the surface of the water; and

13 (C) every live trap must be marked with the
14 owner's name and address or Department of Natural
15 Resources customer number.

16 (4) The daily catch limit and total possession limit
17 for all properly licensed persons shall be specified by
18 administrative rule.

19 (c) (Blank).

20 (Source: P.A. 102-315, eff. 1-1-22.)