

HB0427



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB0427

by Rep. Avery Bourne

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

520 ILCS 5/2.5

Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that all crossbows used to hunt in this State must have a minimum peak draw weight of 125 pounds and a maximum draw weight of at least 300 pounds.

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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 Section
5 2.5 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/2.5)

7 Sec. 2.5. Crossbow conditions. A person may use a crossbow
8 if one or more of the following conditions are met:

9 (1) the user is a person age 62 and older;

10 (2) the user is a person with a disability to whom the
11 Director has issued a permit to use a crossbow, as provided
12 by administrative rule; or

13 (3) the date of using the crossbow is during the period
14 of the second Monday following the Thanksgiving holiday
15 through the last day of the archery deer hunting season
16 (both inclusive) set annually by the Director.

17 As used in this Section, "person with a disability" means a
18 person who has a physical impairment due to injury or disease,
19 congenital or acquired, which renders the person so severely
20 disabled as to be unable to use a longbow, recurve bow, or
21 compound bow. Permits must be issued only after the receipt of
22 a physician's statement confirming the applicant is a person
23 with a disability as defined above.

1 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
2 all crossbows used to hunt in this State must have a minimum
3 peak draw weight of 125 pounds and a maximum draw weight of at
4 least 300 pounds.

5 (Source: P.A. 99-78, eff. 7-20-15; 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)