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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1245

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1245 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing
5 Section 2.25 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/2.25) (from Ch. 61, par. 2.25)

7 Sec. 2.25. It shall be unlawful for any person to take deer
8 except (i) with a shotgun, handgun, or muzzleloading rifle or
9 (ii) as provided by administrative rule, with a bow and arrow,
10 during the open season of not more than 14 days which will be
11 set annually by the Director between the dates of November 1st
12 and December 31st, both inclusive, or a special 3-day,
13 youth-only season between the dates of September 1 and October
14 31. For the purposes of this Section, legal handguns include
15 any centerfire handguns of .30 caliber or larger with a
16 minimum barrel length of 4 inches. The only legal ammunition

1 for a centerfire handgun is a cartridge of .30 caliber or
2 larger with a capability of at least 500 foot pounds of energy
3 at the muzzle. Full metal jacket bullets may not be used to
4 harvest deer.

5 The Department shall make administrative rules concerning
6 management restrictions applicable to the firearm and bow and
7 arrow season.

8 It shall be unlawful for any person to take deer except
9 with a bow and arrow during the open season for bow and arrow
10 set annually by the Director between the dates of September
11 1st and January 31st, both inclusive.

12 It shall be unlawful for any person to take deer except
13 with (i) a muzzleloading rifle or (ii) bow and arrow during the
14 open season for muzzleloading rifles set annually by the
15 Director.

16 The Director shall cause an administrative rule setting
17 forth the prescribed rules and regulations, including bag and
18 possession limits and those counties of the State where open
19 seasons are established, to be published in accordance with
20 Sections 1.3 and 1.13 of this Act.

21 The Department may establish separate harvest periods for
22 the purpose of managing or eradicating disease that has been
23 found in the deer herd. This season shall be restricted to gun
24 or bow and arrow hunting only. The Department shall publicly
25 announce, via statewide news release, the season dates and
26 shooting hours, the counties and sites open to hunting, ~~permit~~

1 ~~requirements, application dates, hunting rules, legal weapons,~~
2 ~~and reporting requirements.~~

3 The Department is authorized to establish a separate
4 harvest period at specific sites within the State for the
5 purpose of harvesting surplus deer that cannot be taken during
6 the regular season provided for the taking of deer. This
7 season shall be restricted to gun or bow and arrow hunting only
8 and shall be established during the period of September 1st to
9 February 15th, both inclusive. The Department shall publicly
10 announce, via statewide news release, the season dates and
11 shooting hours, and the counties and sites open to hunting.

12 The Department shall publish suitable prescribed rules and
13 regulations established by administrative rule pertaining to
14 management restrictions applicable to this special harvest
15 program. The Department shall allow unused gun deer permits
16 that are left over from a regular season for the taking of deer
17 to be rolled over and used during any separate harvest period
18 held within 6 months of the season for which those tags were
19 issued at no additional cost to the permit holder subject to
20 the management restrictions applicable to the special harvest
21 program.

22 Beginning July 1, 2019, and on an annual basis thereafter,
23 the Department shall provide a report to the General Assembly
24 providing information regarding deer management programs
25 established by the Code or by administrative rule that
26 includes: (1) the number of surplus deer taken during each

1 separate harvest season; (2) the number of deer found to have a
2 communicable disease or other abnormality; and (3) what
3 happens to the deer taken during each separate harvest season.
4 (Source: P.A. 101-66, eff. 7-12-19.)".