



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

515 ILCS 5/20-45  
520 ILCS 5/3.2

from Ch. 56, par. 20-45  
from Ch. 61, par. 3.2

Amends the Fish and Aquatic Life Code and the Wildlife Code. Provides that the current fees for a fishing license, sportsmen's combination license, and hunting license are annual fees. Allows a resident to obtain a 3-year fishing license (for a fee of \$45), sportsmen's combination license (for a fee of \$78.75), or hunting license (for a fee of \$37.50). Provides that there is no fee for an annual or 3-year fishing license, sportsmen's combination license, or hunting license for a resident Gold Star Family member. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning fishing and hunting.

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

4 Section 5. The Fish and Aquatic Life Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 20-45 as follows:

6 (515 ILCS 5/20-45) (from Ch. 56, par. 20-45)

7 Sec. 20-45. License fees for residents. Fees for licenses  
8 for residents of the State of Illinois shall be as follows:

9 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, for  
10 sport fishing devices as defined in Section 10-95 or  
11 spearing devices as defined in Section 10-110, the annual  
12 fee is \$14.50 for individuals 16 to 64 years old.  
13 Residents of the State of Illinois may obtain a 3-year  
14 fishing license, and except as otherwise provided in this  
15 Section, for sport fishing devices as defined in Section  
16 10-95 or spearing devices as defined in Section 10-110,  
17 the fee for a 3-year fishing license is \$45. For, one half  
18 of the current fishing license fee for individuals age 65  
19 or older, and, commencing with the 2012 license year,  
20 one half of the current fishing license fee for resident  
21 veterans of the United States Armed Forces after returning  
22 from service abroad or mobilization by the President of  
23 the United States, fees shall be one-half of the current

1 fishing license fee. Veterans must provide, to the  
2 Department at one of the Department's 5 regional offices,  
3 verification of their service. The Department shall  
4 establish what constitutes suitable verification of  
5 service for the purpose of issuing fishing licenses to  
6 resident veterans at a reduced fee.

7 (a-5) The fee for all sport fishing licenses shall be  
8 \$1 for residents over 75 years of age.

9 (a-6) There shall be no fee for an annual or 3-year  
10 fishing license for resident Gold Star Family members. A  
11 Gold Star Family member includes an immediate relative of  
12 a United States Armed Forces member who died in battle or  
13 in support of certain military activities, including a  
14 parent, child, brother, sister, or other loved one. Gold  
15 Star Family members must provide verification to the  
16 Department at one of the Department's 5 regional offices.  
17 The Department shall establish who qualifies for Gold Star  
18 Family member status and what constitutes suitable  
19 verification.

20 (b) All residents before using any commercial fishing  
21 device shall obtain a commercial fishing license, the fee  
22 for which shall be \$60 and a resident fishing license, the  
23 fee for which is \$14.50. Each and every commercial device  
24 used shall be licensed by a resident commercial fisherman  
25 as follows:

26 (1) For each 100 lineal yards, or fraction

1           thereof, of seine the fee is \$18. For each minnow  
2           seine, minnow trap, or net for commercial purposes the  
3           fee is \$20.

4           (2) For each device to fish with a 100 hook trot  
5           line device, basket trap, hoop net, or dip net the fee  
6           is \$3.

7           (3) When used in the waters of Lake Michigan, for  
8           the first 2000 lineal feet, or fraction thereof, of  
9           gill net the fee is \$10; and for each 1000 additional  
10          lineal feet, or fraction thereof, the fee is \$10.  
11          These fees shall apply to all gill nets in use in the  
12          water or on drying reels on the shore.

13          (4) For each 100 lineal yards, or fraction  
14          thereof, of gill net or trammel net the fee is \$18.

15          (c) Residents of the State of Illinois may obtain an  
16          annual or 3-year ~~a~~ sportsmen's combination license that  
17          shall entitle the holder to the same non-commercial  
18          fishing privileges as residents holding a license as  
19          described in subsection (a) of this Section and to the  
20          same hunting privileges as residents holding a license to  
21          hunt all species as described in Section 3.1 of the  
22          Wildlife Code. No sportsmen's combination license shall be  
23          issued to any individual who would be ineligible for  
24          either the fishing or hunting license separately. The  
25          annual sportsmen's combination license fee shall be  
26          \$25.50. The 3-year sportsmen's combination license fee

1       shall be \$78.75. For residents age 65 or older, the fee is  
2       one-half of the fee charged for a sportsmen's combination  
3       license. For resident veterans of the United States Armed  
4       Forces after returning from service abroad or mobilization  
5       by the President of the United States, the fee, commencing  
6       with the 2012 license year, is one-half of the fee charged  
7       for a sportsmen's combination license. Veterans must  
8       provide to the Department, at one of the Department's 5  
9       regional offices, verification of their service. The  
10      Department shall establish what constitutes suitable  
11      verification of service for the purpose of issuing  
12      sportsmen's combination licenses to resident veterans at a  
13      reduced fee.

14      (c-1) There shall be no fee for an annual or 3-year  
15      sportsmen's combination license for resident Gold Star Family  
16      members. A Gold Star Family member includes an immediate  
17      relative of a United States Armed Forces member who died in  
18      battle or in support of certain military activities, including  
19      a parent, child, brother, sister, or other loved one. Gold  
20      Star Family members must provide verification to the  
21      Department at one of the Department's 5 regional offices. The  
22      Department shall establish who qualifies for Gold Star Family  
23      member status and what constitutes suitable verification.

24           (d) For 24 hours of fishing by sport fishing devices  
25           as defined in Section 10-95 or by spearing devices as  
26           defined in Section 10-110 the fee is \$5. This license does

1 not exempt the licensee from the requirement for a salmon  
2 or inland trout stamp. The licenses provided for by this  
3 subsection are not required for residents of the State of  
4 Illinois who have obtained the license provided for in  
5 subsection (a) of this Section.

6 (e) All residents before using any commercial mussel  
7 device shall obtain a commercial mussel license, the fee  
8 for which shall be \$50.

9 (f) Residents of this State, upon establishing  
10 residency as required by the Department, may obtain a  
11 lifetime hunting or fishing license or lifetime  
12 sportsmen's combination license which shall entitle the  
13 holder to the same non-commercial fishing privileges as  
14 residents holding a license as described in paragraph (a)  
15 of this Section and to the same hunting privileges as  
16 residents holding a license to hunt all species as  
17 described in Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code. No lifetime  
18 sportsmen's combination license shall be issued to or  
19 retained by any individual who would be ineligible for  
20 either the fishing or hunting license separately, either  
21 upon issuance, or in any year a violation would subject an  
22 individual to have either or both fishing or hunting  
23 privileges rescinded. The lifetime hunting and fishing  
24 license fees shall be as follows:

25 (1) Lifetime fishing: 30 x the current fishing  
26 license fee.

1                   (2) Lifetime hunting: 30 x the current hunting  
2                   license fee.

3                   (3) Lifetime sportsmen's combination license: 30 x  
4                   the current sportsmen's combination license fee.

5                   Lifetime licenses shall not be refundable. A \$10 fee shall  
6                   be charged for reissuing any lifetime license. The Department  
7                   may establish rules and regulations for the issuance and use  
8                   of lifetime licenses and may suspend or revoke any lifetime  
9                   license issued under this Section for violations of those  
10                  rules or regulations or other provisions under this Code or  
11                  the Wildlife Code. Individuals under 16 years of age who  
12                  possess a lifetime hunting or sportsmen's combination license  
13                  shall have in their possession, while in the field, a  
14                  certificate of competency as required under Section 3.2 of the  
15                  Wildlife Code. Any lifetime license issued under this Section  
16                  shall not exempt individuals from obtaining additional stamps  
17                  or permits required under the provisions of this Code or the  
18                  Wildlife Code. Individuals required to purchase additional  
19                  stamps shall sign the stamps and have them in their possession  
20                  while fishing or hunting with a lifetime license. All fees  
21                  received from the issuance of lifetime licenses shall be  
22                  deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Endowment Fund.

23                  Except for licenses issued under subsection (e) of this  
24                  Section, all licenses provided for in this Section shall  
25                  expire on March 31 of each year, except that the license  
26                  provided for in subsection (d) of this Section shall expire 24

1 hours after the effective date and time listed on the face of  
2 the license.

3 All individuals required to have and failing to have the  
4 license provided for in subsection (a) or (d) of this Section  
5 shall be fined according to the provisions of Section 20-35 of  
6 this Code.

7 All individuals required to have and failing to have the  
8 licenses provided for in subsections (b) and (e) of this  
9 Section shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

10 (Source: P.A. 97-498, eff. 4-1-12; 97-1136, eff. 1-1-13;  
11 98-800, eff. 8-1-14.)

12 Section 10. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing  
13 Section 3.2 as follows:

14 (520 ILCS 5/3.2) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.2)

15 Sec. 3.2. Hunting license; application; instruction.  
16 Before the Department or any county, city, village, township,  
17 incorporated town clerk or his duly designated agent or any  
18 other person authorized or designated by the Department to  
19 issue hunting licenses shall issue a hunting license to any  
20 person, the person shall file his application with the  
21 Department or other party authorized to issue licenses on a  
22 form provided by the Department and further give definite  
23 proof of identity and place of legal residence. Each clerk  
24 designating agents to issue licenses and stamps shall furnish



1 the Department, within 10 days following the appointment, the  
2 names and mailing addresses of the agents. Each clerk or his  
3 duly designated agent shall be authorized to sell licenses and  
4 stamps only within the territorial area for which he was  
5 elected or appointed. No duly designated agent is authorized  
6 to furnish licenses or stamps for issuance by any other  
7 business establishment. Each application shall be executed and  
8 sworn to and shall set forth the name and description of the  
9 applicant and place of residence.

10 No hunting license shall be issued to any person born on or  
11 after January 1, 1980 unless he presents the person authorized  
12 to issue the license evidence that he has held a hunting  
13 license issued by the State of Illinois or another state in a  
14 prior year, or a certificate of competency as provided in this  
15 Section. Persons under 18 years of age may be issued a Lifetime  
16 Hunting or Sportsmen's Combination License as provided under  
17 Section 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code but shall not  
18 be entitled to hunt alone, without the supervision of an adult  
19 age 21 or older, unless they have a certificate of competency  
20 as provided in this Section and the certificate is in their  
21 possession while hunting.

22 The Department of Natural Resources shall authorize  
23 personnel of the Department or certified volunteer instructors  
24 to conduct courses, of not less than 10 hours in length, in  
25 firearms and hunter safety, which may include training in bow  
26 and arrow safety, at regularly specified intervals throughout

1 the State. Persons successfully completing the course shall  
2 receive a certificate of competency. The Department of Natural  
3 Resources may further cooperate with any reputable association  
4 or organization in establishing courses if the organization  
5 has as one of its objectives the promotion of safety in the  
6 handling of firearms or bow and arrow.

7 The Department of Natural Resources shall designate any  
8 person found by it to be competent to give instruction in the  
9 handling of firearms, hunter safety, and bow and arrow. The  
10 persons so appointed shall give the course of instruction and  
11 upon the successful completion shall issue to the person  
12 instructed a certificate of competency in the safe handling of  
13 firearms, hunter safety, and bow and arrow. No charge shall be  
14 made for any course of instruction except for materials or  
15 ammunition consumed. The Department of Natural Resources shall  
16 furnish information on the requirements of hunter safety  
17 education programs to be distributed free of charge to  
18 applicants for hunting licenses by the persons appointed and  
19 authorized to issue licenses. Funds for the conducting of  
20 firearms and hunter safety courses shall be taken from the fee  
21 charged for the Firearm Owners Identification Card.

22 The annual fee for a hunting license to hunt all species  
23 for a resident of Illinois is \$12. Residents of the State of  
24 Illinois may obtain a 3-year hunting license to hunt all  
25 species for a fee of \$37.50. For residents age 65 or older,  
26 and, commencing with the 2012 license year, resident veterans

1 of the United States Armed Forces after returning from service  
2 abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States,  
3 the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a hunting license to  
4 hunt all species for a resident of Illinois. Veterans must  
5 provide to the Department, at one of the Department's 5  
6 regional offices, verification of their service. The  
7 Department shall establish what constitutes suitable  
8 verification of service for the purpose of issuing resident  
9 veterans hunting licenses at a reduced fee. There shall be no  
10 fee for an annual or 3-year hunting license for resident Gold  
11 Star Family members. A Gold Star Family member includes an  
12 immediate relative of a United States Armed Forces member who  
13 died in battle or in support of certain military activities,  
14 including a parent, child, brother, sister, or other loved  
15 one. Gold Star Family members must provide verification to the  
16 Department at one of the Department's 5 regional offices. The  
17 Department shall establish who qualifies for Gold Star Family  
18 member status and what constitutes suitable verification. The  
19 fee for a hunting license to hunt all species shall be \$1 for  
20 residents over 75 years of age. Nonresidents shall be charged  
21 \$57 for a hunting license.

22 Nonresidents may be issued a nonresident hunting license  
23 for a period not to exceed 10 consecutive days' hunting in the  
24 State and shall be charged a fee of \$35.

25 A special nonresident hunting license authorizing a  
26 nonresident to take game birds by hunting on a game breeding

1 and hunting preserve area only, established under Section  
2 3.27, shall be issued upon proper application being made and  
3 payment of a fee equal to that for a resident hunting license.  
4 The expiration date of this license shall be on the same date  
5 each year that game breeding and hunting preserve area  
6 licenses expire.

7 Each applicant for a State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp,  
8 regardless of his residence or other condition, shall pay a  
9 fee of \$15 and shall receive a stamp. The fee for a State  
10 Migratory Waterfowl Stamp shall be waived for residents over  
11 75 years of age. Except as provided under Section 20-45 of the  
12 Fish and Aquatic Life Code, the stamp shall be signed by the  
13 person or affixed to his license or permit in a space  
14 designated by the Department for that purpose.

15 Each applicant for a State Habitat Stamp, regardless of  
16 his residence or other condition, shall pay a fee of \$5 and  
17 shall receive a stamp. The fee for a State Habitat Stamp shall  
18 be waived for residents over 75 years of age. Except as  
19 provided under Section 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life  
20 Code, the stamp shall be signed by the person or affixed to his  
21 license or permit in a space designated by the Department for  
22 that purpose.

23 Nothing in this Section shall be construed as to require  
24 the purchase of more than one State Habitat Stamp by any person  
25 in any one license year.

26 The fees for State Pheasant Stamps and State Furbearer

1 Stamps shall be waived for residents over 75 years of age.

2 The Department shall furnish the holders of hunting  
3 licenses and stamps with an insignia as evidence of possession  
4 of license, or license and stamp, as the Department may  
5 consider advisable. The insignia shall be exhibited and used  
6 as the Department may order.

7 All other hunting licenses and all State stamps shall  
8 expire upon March 31 of each year.

9 Every person holding any license, permit, or stamp issued  
10 under the provisions of this Act shall have it in his  
11 possession for immediate presentation for inspection to the  
12 officers and authorized employees of the Department, any  
13 sheriff, deputy sheriff, or any other peace officer making a  
14 demand for it. This provision shall not apply to Department  
15 owned or managed sites where it is required that all hunters  
16 deposit their license, permit, or Firearm Owner's  
17 Identification Card at the check station upon entering the  
18 hunting areas.

19 (Source: P.A. 100-638, eff. 1-1-19; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19.)

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
21 becoming law.