

HB3905



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/17/2023, by Rep. Katie Stuart

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

520 ILCS 5/1.3

Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that notwithstanding any other provision of the Code or Department of Natural Resources rule to the contrary, the Department shall add one extra day to the deer hunting season to the second weekend of that hunting season.

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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
5 Section 1.3 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/1.3)

7 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 102-1114)

8 Sec. 1.3. The Department shall have the authority to
9 manage wildlife and regulate the taking of wildlife for the
10 purposes of providing public recreation and controlling
11 wildlife populations. The seasons during which wildlife may be
12 taken, the methods for taking wildlife, the daily bag limits,
13 and the possession limits shall be established by the
14 Department through administrative rule, but the Department may
15 not provide for a longer season, a larger daily bag limit, or a
16 larger possession limit than is provided in this Code.

17 The Natural Resources Advisory Board may also recommend to
18 the Director of Natural Resources any reductions or increases
19 of seasons and bag or possession limits or the closure of any
20 season when research and inventory data indicate the need for
21 such changes.

22 The Department is authorized to establish seasons for the
23 taking of migratory birds within the dates established

1 annually by Proclamation of the Secretary, United States
2 Department of the Interior, known as the "Rules and
3 Regulations for Migratory Bird Hunting" (50 CFR 20 et seq.).
4 When the biological balance of any species is affected, the
5 Director may with the approval of the Conservation Advisory
6 Board, by administrative rule, lengthen, shorten or close the
7 season during which waterfowl may be taken within the federal
8 limitations prescribed. If the Department does not adopt an
9 administrative rule establishing a season, then the season
10 shall be as set forth in the current "Rules and Regulations for
11 Migratory Bird Hunting". The Department shall advise the
12 public by reasonable means of the dates of the various
13 seasons.

14 The Department may utilize the services of the staff of
15 the Illinois Natural History Survey of the University of
16 Illinois for making investigations as to the population status
17 of the various species of wildlife.

18 Employees or agents of any state, federal, or municipal
19 government or body when engaged in investigational work and
20 law enforcement, may with prior approval of the Director, be
21 exempted from the provisions of this Act.

22 (Source: P.A. 98-346, eff. 8-14-13.)

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8 (Source: P.A. 102-1114, eff. 6-1-23.)

9 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
10 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
11 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
12 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does
13 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
14 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
15 Public Act.