

# SB2906



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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

520 ILCS 5/3.2

from Ch. 61, par. 3.2

Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that, if a person is currently serving on active-duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or Reserves and has a valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card, or the equivalent from another state, then there is no fee for a hunting license. Requires verification of active-duty service.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

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 3.2 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/3.2) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.2)

7 Sec. 3.2. Hunting license; application; instruction.  
8 Before the Department or any county, city, village, township,  
9 incorporated town clerk or his duly designated agent or any  
10 other person authorized or designated by the Department to  
11 issue hunting licenses shall issue a hunting license to any  
12 person, the person shall file his application with the  
13 Department or other party authorized to issue licenses on a  
14 form provided by the Department and further give definite proof  
15 of identity and place of legal residence. Each clerk  
16 designating agents to issue licenses and stamps shall furnish  
17 the Department, within 10 days following the appointment, the  
18 names and mailing addresses of the agents. Each clerk or his  
19 duly designated agent shall be authorized to sell licenses and  
20 stamps only within the territorial area for which he was  
21 elected or appointed. No duly designated agent is authorized to  
22 furnish licenses or stamps for issuance by any other business  
23 establishment. Each application shall be executed and sworn to

1 and shall set forth the name and description of the applicant  
2 and place of residence.

3 No hunting license shall be issued to any person born on or  
4 after January 1, 1980 unless he presents the person authorized  
5 to issue the license evidence that he has held a hunting  
6 license issued by the State of Illinois or another state in a  
7 prior year, or a certificate of competency as provided in this  
8 Section. Persons under 16 years of age may be issued a Lifetime  
9 Hunting or Sportsmen's Combination License as provided under  
10 Section 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code but shall not  
11 be entitled to hunt unless they have a certificate of  
12 competency as provided in this Section and they shall have the  
13 certificate in their possession while hunting.

14 The Department of Natural Resources shall authorize  
15 personnel of the Department or certified volunteer instructors  
16 to conduct courses, of not less than 10 hours in length, in  
17 firearms and hunter safety, which may include training in bow  
18 and arrow safety, at regularly specified intervals throughout  
19 the State. Persons successfully completing the course shall  
20 receive a certificate of competency. The Department of Natural  
21 Resources may further cooperate with any reputable association  
22 or organization in establishing courses if the organization has  
23 as one of its objectives the promotion of safety in the  
24 handling of firearms or bow and arrow.

25 The Department of Natural Resources shall designate any  
26 person found by it to be competent to give instruction in the

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

14 The fee for a hunting license to hunt all species for a  
15 resident of Illinois is \$7. For residents age 65 or older, the  
16 fee is one-half of the fee charged for a hunting license to  
17 hunt all species for a resident of Illinois. Nonresidents shall  
18 be charged \$50 for a hunting license.

19 If any person who is currently serving on active-duty as a  
20 member of the Armed Forces of the United States or any reserve  
21 component of the Armed Forces of the Unites States has a valid  
22 Firearm Owner's Identification Card, or the equivalent issued  
23 by another state, issued in his or her name, then there is no  
24 fee for a hunting license to hunt all species for that person.  
25 The Department shall establish standards for the verification  
26 of active-duty service under this paragraph. The active-duty

1 military member shall provide verification of active-duty  
2 service to the Department at the Department's office in  
3 Springfield.

4 Nonresidents may be issued a nonresident hunting license  
5 for a period not to exceed 10 consecutive days' hunting in the  
6 State and shall be charged a fee of \$28.

7 A special nonresident hunting license authorizing a  
8 nonresident to take game birds by hunting on a game breeding  
9 and hunting preserve area only, established under Section 3.27,  
10 shall be issued upon proper application being made and payment  
11 of a fee equal to that for a resident hunting license. The  
12 expiration date of this license shall be on the same date each  
13 year that game breeding and hunting preserve area licenses  
14 expire.

15 Each applicant for a State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp,  
16 regardless of his residence or other condition, shall pay a fee  
17 of \$10 and shall receive a stamp. Except as provided under  
18 Section 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code, the stamp  
19 shall be signed by the person or affixed to his license or  
20 permit in a space designated by the Department for that  
21 purpose.

22 Each applicant for a State Habitat Stamp, regardless of his  
23 residence or other condition, shall pay a fee of \$5 and shall  
24 receive a stamp. Except as provided under Section 20-45 of the  
25 Fish and Aquatic Life Code, the stamp shall be signed by the  
26 person or affixed to his license or permit in a space

1 designated by the Department for that purpose.

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

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

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

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

22 (Source: P.A. 93-554, eff. 8-20-03.)