

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 Fish and Aquatic Life Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 20-15 as follows:

6 (515 ILCS 5/20-15) (from Ch. 56, par. 20-15)

7 Sec. 20-15. Owners fishing own land; exemption. The owners  
8 or bona fide tenants of lands, actually residing on the lands  
9 and their children, parents, brothers, and sisters actually  
10 permanently residing with them have the right to take with a  
11 sport fishing device fish of the kind permitted to be taken or  
12 caught under this Code from waters lying upon or flowing over  
13 the lands without procuring licenses to do so. This exemption  
14 does not apply to club lakes, organizational lakes, or lake  
15 developments. Any individual on active duty with the armed  
16 forces of the United States who is now and was at the time of  
17 entering the Armed Forces a resident of Illinois, who entered  
18 the Armed Forces from this State, and who is presently on  
19 ordinary or emergency leave from the Armed Forces has the right  
20 to catch or take with a sport fishing device fish permitted to  
21 be taken or caught by this Code without procuring a license.  
22 Any individual exempt from licensure under this Section has  
23 only the authority and privileges in taking fish as are

1 provided by this Code. Fishing by an exempt individual may be  
2 done only during seasons when it is lawful.

3 (Source: P.A. 89-66, eff. 1-1-96.)

4 Section 10. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 3.1 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/3.1) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.1)

7 Sec. 3.1. License and stamps required.

8 (a) Before any person shall take or attempt to take any of  
9 the species protected by Section 2.2 for which an open season  
10 is established under this Act, he shall first have procured and  
11 possess a valid hunting license, except as provided in Section  
12 3.1-5 of this Code.

13 Before any person 16 years of age or older shall take or  
14 attempt to take any bird of the species defined as migratory  
15 waterfowl by Section 2.2, including coots, he shall first have  
16 procured a State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp.

17 Before any person 16 years of age or older takes, attempts  
18 to take, or pursues any species of wildlife protected by this  
19 Code, except migratory waterfowl, coots, and hand-reared birds  
20 on licensed game breeding and hunting preserve areas and state  
21 controlled pheasant hunting areas, he or she shall first obtain  
22 a State Habitat Stamp. Disabled veterans and former prisoners  
23 of war shall not be required to obtain State Habitat Stamps.  
24 Any person who obtained a lifetime license before January 1,

1 1993, shall not be required to obtain State Habitat Stamps.  
2 Income from the sale of State Furbearer Stamps and State  
3 Pheasant Stamps received after the effective date of this  
4 amendatory Act of 1992 shall be deposited into the State  
5 Furbearer Fund and State Pheasant Fund, respectively.

6 Before any person 16 years of age or older shall take,  
7 attempt to take, or sell the green hide of any mammal of the  
8 species defined as fur-bearing mammals by Section 2.2 for which  
9 an open season is established under this Act, he shall first  
10 have procured a State Habitat Stamp.

11 (b) Before any person who is a non-resident of the State of  
12 Illinois shall take or attempt to take any of the species  
13 protected by Section 2.2 for which an open season is  
14 established under this Act, he shall, unless specifically  
15 exempted by law, first procure a non-resident license as  
16 provided by this Act for the taking of any wild game.

17 Before a nonresident shall take or attempt to take  
18 white-tailed deer, he shall first have procured a Deer Hunting  
19 Permit as defined in Section 2.26 of this Code.

20 Before a nonresident shall take or attempt to take wild  
21 turkeys, he shall have procured a Wild Turkey Hunting Permit as  
22 defined in Section 2.11 of this Code.

23 (c) The owners residing on, or bona fide tenants of, farm  
24 lands and their children, parents, brothers, and sisters  
25 actually permanently residing on their lands shall have the  
26 right to hunt any of the species protected by Section 2.2 upon

1 their lands and waters without procuring hunting licenses; but  
2 the hunting shall be done only during periods of time and with  
3 devices and by methods as are permitted by this Act. Any person  
4 on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States who  
5 is now and who was at the time of entering the Armed Forces a  
6 resident of Illinois and who entered the Armed Forces from this  
7 State, and who is presently on ordinary or emergency leave from  
8 the Armed Forces, and any resident of Illinois who is disabled  
9 may hunt any of the species protected by Section 2.2 without  
10 procuring a hunting license, but the hunting shall be done only  
11 during such periods of time and with devices and by methods as  
12 are permitted by this Act. For the purpose of this Section a  
13 person is disabled when that person has a Type 1 or Type 4,  
14 Class 2 disability as defined in Section 4A of the Illinois  
15 Identification Card Act. For purposes of this Section, an  
16 Illinois Disabled Person Identification Card issued pursuant  
17 to the Illinois Identification Card Act indicating that the  
18 person named has a Type 1 or Type 4, Class 2 disability shall  
19 be adequate documentation of the disability.

20 (d) A courtesy non-resident license, permit, or stamp for  
21 taking game may be issued at the discretion of the Director,  
22 without fee, to any person officially employed in the game and  
23 fish or conservation department of another state or of the  
24 United States who is within the State to assist or consult or  
25 cooperate with the Director; or to the officials of other  
26 states, the United States, foreign countries, or officers or

1 representatives of conservation organizations or publications  
2 while in the State as guests of the Governor or Director. The  
3 Director may provide to nonresident participants and official  
4 gunners at field trials an exemption from licensure while  
5 participating in a field trial.

6 (e) State Migratory Waterfowl Stamps shall be required for  
7 those persons qualifying under subsections (c) and (d) who  
8 intend to hunt migratory waterfowl, including coots, to the  
9 extent that hunting licenses of the various types are  
10 authorized and required by this Section for those persons.

11 (f) Registration in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Migratory  
12 Bird Harvest Information Program shall be required for those  
13 persons who are required to have a hunting license before  
14 taking or attempting to take any bird of the species defined as  
15 migratory game birds by Section 2.2, except that this  
16 subsection shall not apply to crows in this State or  
17 hand-reared birds on licensed game breeding and hunting  
18 preserve areas, for which an open season is established by this  
19 Act. Persons registering with the Program must carry proof of  
20 registration with them while migratory bird hunting.

21 The Department shall publish suitable prescribed  
22 regulations pertaining to registration by the migratory bird  
23 hunter in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Migratory Bird  
24 Harvest Information Program.

25 (Source: P.A. 94-1024, eff. 7-14-06.)