

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 2.5 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/2.5)

7 Sec. 2.5. Crossbow conditions. A person may use a crossbow  
8 if one or more of the following conditions are met:

9 (1) the user is a person age 62 and older;

10 (2) the user is a handicapped person to whom the  
11 Director has issued a permit to use a crossbow, as provided  
12 by administrative rule; or

13 (3) the date of using the crossbow is during the period  
14 of the second Monday following the Thanksgiving holiday  
15 through the last day of the archery deer hunting season  
16 (both inclusive) set annually by the Director.

17 As used in this Section, "handicapped person" means a  
18 person who has a physical impairment due to injury or disease,  
19 congenital or acquired, which renders the person ~~them~~ so  
20 severely disabled as to be unable to use a longbow, recurve  
21 bow, or compound bow. Permits must be issued only after the  
22 receipt of a physician's statement confirming the applicant is  
23 handicapped as defined above.

1        Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,  
2        all crossbows used to hunt in this State must have a minimum  
3        peak draw weight of 125 pounds and a maximum draw weight of at  
4        least 300 pounds.

5        (Source: P.A. 97-907, eff. 8-7-12; revised 12-10-14.)