

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.

8 (a) A person may use a crossbow if one or more of the
9 following conditions are met:

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

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

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

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

1 handicapped as defined above.

2 (c) A person may use a crossbow to take coyotes at any time
3 that it is legal to use a bow and arrow to take coyotes.

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

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
6 1, 2016.