

1 AN ACT concerning fishing and hunting.

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 Sections 20-45 and 20-105 as follows:

6 (515 ILCS 5/20-45) (from Ch. 56, par. 20-45)

7 Sec. 20-45. License fees for residents. Fees for licenses
8 for residents of the State of Illinois shall be as follows:

9 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, for
10 sport fishing devices as defined in Section 10-95 or
11 spearing devices as defined in Section 10-110, the fee is
12 \$14.50 for individuals 16 to 64 years old, one-half of the
13 current fishing license fee for individuals age 65 or
14 older, and, commencing with the 2012 license year,
15 one-half of the current fishing license fee for resident
16 veterans of the United States Armed Forces after returning
17 from service abroad or mobilization by the President of
18 the United States as an active duty member of the United
19 States Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or the
20 Reserves of the United States Armed Forces. Veterans must
21 provide to the Department acceptable verification of their
22 service. The Department shall establish by administrative
23 rule the procedure by which such verification of service

1 shall be made to the Department for the purpose of issuing
2 fishing licenses to resident veterans at a reduced fee.

3 (a-3) Except as otherwise provided in this Section,
4 for sport fishing devices as defined in Section 10-95 or
5 spearing devices as defined in Section 10-110, residents
6 of this State may obtain a 3-year fishing license. The fee
7 for a 3-year fishing license is 3 times the annual fee. For
8 residents age 65 or older, the fee is one half of the fee
9 charged for a 3-year fishing license. For resident
10 veterans of the United States Armed Forces after returning
11 from service abroad or mobilization by the President of
12 the United States, the fee is one-half of the fee charged
13 for a 3-year fishing license. Veterans must provide to the
14 Department, per administrative rule, verification of their
15 service. The Department shall establish what constitutes
16 suitable verification of service for the purpose of
17 issuing 3-year fishing licenses to resident veterans at a
18 reduced fee.

19 (a-5) The fee for all sport fishing licenses shall be
20 \$1 for an annual license and 3 times the annual fee for a
21 3-year license for residents over 75 years of age.

22 (b) All residents before using any commercial fishing
23 device shall obtain a commercial fishing license, the fee
24 for which shall be \$60 and a resident fishing license, the
25 fee for which is \$14.50. Each and every commercial device
26 used shall be licensed by a resident commercial fisherman

1 as follows:

2 (1) For each 100 lineal yards, or fraction
3 thereof, of seine the fee is \$18. For each minnow
4 seine, minnow trap, or net for commercial purposes the
5 fee is \$20.

6 (2) For each device to fish with a 100 hook trot
7 line device, basket trap, hoop net, or dip net the fee
8 is \$3.

9 (3) When used in the waters of Lake Michigan, for
10 the first 2000 lineal feet, or fraction thereof, of
11 gill net the fee is \$10; and for each 1000 additional
12 lineal feet, or fraction thereof, the fee is \$10.
13 These fees shall apply to all gill nets in use in the
14 water or on drying reels on the shore.

15 (4) For each 100 lineal yards, or fraction
16 thereof, of gill net or trammel net the fee is \$18.

17 (c) Residents of this ~~the~~ State ~~of Illinois~~ may obtain
18 a sportsmen's combination license that shall entitle the
19 holder to the same non-commercial fishing privileges as
20 residents holding a license as described in subsection (a)
21 of this Section and to the same hunting privileges as
22 residents holding a license to hunt all species as
23 described in Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code. No
24 sportsmen's combination license shall be issued to any
25 individual who would be ineligible for either the fishing
26 or hunting license separately. The sportsmen's combination

1 license fee shall be \$25.50. For residents age 65 or
2 older, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a
3 sportsmen's combination license. For resident veterans of
4 the United States Armed Forces after returning from
5 service abroad or mobilization by the President of the
6 United States as an active duty member of the United
7 States Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or the
8 Reserves of the United States Armed Forces, the fee,
9 commencing with the 2012 license year, is one-half of the
10 fee charged for a sportsmen's combination license.
11 Veterans must provide to the Department acceptable
12 verification of their service. The Department shall
13 establish by administrative rule the procedure by which
14 such verification of service shall be made to the
15 Department for the purpose of issuing sportsmen's
16 combination licenses to resident veterans at a reduced
17 fee.

18 (c-5) Residents of this State may obtain a 3-year
19 sportsmen's combination license that shall entitle the
20 holder to the same non-commercial fishing privileges as
21 residents holding a license as described in subsection
22 (a-3) and to the same hunting privileges as residents
23 holding a license to hunt all species as described in
24 Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code. A 3-year sportsmen's
25 combination license shall not be issued to any individual
26 who would be ineligible for either the fishing or hunting

1 license separately. The 3-year sportsmen's combination
2 license fee shall be 3 times the annual fee. For residents
3 age 65 or older, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for
4 a 3-year sportsmen's combination license. For resident
5 veterans of the United States Armed Forces after returning
6 from service abroad or mobilization by the President of
7 the United States, the fee is one-half of the fee charged
8 for a 3-year sportsmen's combination license. Veterans
9 must provide to the Department, per administrative rule,
10 verification of their service. The Department shall
11 establish what constitutes suitable verification of
12 service for the purpose of issuing 3-year sportsmen's
13 combination licenses to resident veterans at a reduced
14 fee.

15 (d) For 24 hours of fishing by sport fishing devices
16 as defined in Section 10-95 or by spearing devices as
17 defined in Section 10-110 the fee is \$5. This license does
18 not exempt the licensee from the requirement for a salmon
19 or inland trout stamp. The licenses provided for by this
20 subsection are not required for residents of the State of
21 Illinois who have obtained the license provided for in
22 subsection (a) or (a-3) of this Section.

23 (e) All residents before using any commercial mussel
24 device shall obtain a commercial mussel license, the fee
25 for which shall be \$50.

26 (f) Residents of this State, upon establishing

1 residency as required by the Department, may obtain a
2 lifetime hunting or fishing license or lifetime
3 sportsmen's combination license which shall entitle the
4 holder to the same non-commercial fishing privileges as
5 residents holding a license as described in paragraph (a)
6 of this Section and to the same hunting privileges as
7 residents holding a license to hunt all species as
8 described in Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code. No lifetime
9 sportsmen's combination license shall be issued to or
10 retained by any individual who would be ineligible for
11 either the fishing or hunting license separately, either
12 upon issuance, or in any year a violation would subject an
13 individual to have either or both fishing or hunting
14 privileges rescinded. The lifetime hunting and fishing
15 license fees shall be as follows:

16 (1) Lifetime fishing: 30 x the current fishing
17 license fee.

18 (2) Lifetime hunting: 30 x the current hunting
19 license fee.

20 (3) Lifetime sportsmen's combination license: 30 x
21 the current sportsmen's combination license fee.

22 Lifetime licenses shall not be refundable. A \$10 fee shall
23 be charged for reissuing any lifetime license. The Department
24 may establish rules and regulations for the issuance and use
25 of lifetime licenses and may suspend or revoke any lifetime
26 license issued under this Section for violations of those

1 rules or regulations or other provisions under this Code or
2 the Wildlife Code, or a violation of the United States Code
3 that involves the taking, possessing, killing, harvesting,
4 transportation, selling, exporting, or importing any fish or
5 aquatic life protected by this Code or the taking, possessing,
6 killing, harvesting, transportation, selling, exporting, or
7 importing any fauna protected by the Wildlife Code when any
8 part of the United States Code violation occurred in Illinois.
9 Individuals under 16 years of age who possess a lifetime
10 hunting or sportsmen's combination license shall have in their
11 possession, while in the field, a certificate of competency as
12 required under Section 3.2 of the Wildlife Code. Any lifetime
13 license issued under this Section shall not exempt individuals
14 from obtaining additional stamps or permits required under the
15 provisions of this Code or the Wildlife Code. Individuals
16 required to purchase additional stamps shall sign the stamps
17 and have them in their possession while fishing or hunting
18 with a lifetime license. All fees received from the issuance
19 of lifetime licenses shall be deposited in the Fish and
20 Wildlife Endowment Fund.

21 Except for licenses issued under subsection (e) of this
22 Section, all licenses provided for in this Section shall
23 expire on March 31 of each year, except that the license
24 provided for in subsection (d) of this Section shall expire 24
25 hours after the effective date and time listed on the face of
26 the license. Licenses issued under subsection (a-3) or (c-5)

1 shall expire on March 31 of the 2nd year after the year in
2 which the license is issued.

3 The Department shall by administrative rule provide for
4 the automatic renewal of a fishing license upon the request of
5 the applicant.

6 All individuals required to have and failing to have the
7 license provided for in subsection (a), (a-3), or (d) of this
8 Section shall be fined according to the provisions of Section
9 20-35 of this Code.

10 All individuals required to have and failing to have the
11 licenses provided for in subsections (b) and (e) of this
12 Section shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

13 (g) For the purposes of this Section, "acceptable
14 verification" means official documentation from the Department
15 of Defense or the appropriate Major Command showing
16 mobilization dates or service abroad dates, including: (i) a
17 DD-214, (ii) a letter from the Illinois Department of Military
18 Affairs for members of the Illinois National Guard, (iii) a
19 letter from the Regional Reserve Command for members of the
20 Armed Forces Reserve, (iv) a letter from the Major Command
21 covering Illinois for active duty members, (v) personnel
22 records for mobilized State employees, and (vi) any other
23 documentation that the Department, by administrative rule,
24 deems acceptable to establish dates of mobilization or service
25 abroad.

26 For the purposes of this Section, the term "service

1 abroad" means active duty service outside of the 50 United
2 States and the District of Columbia, and includes all active
3 duty service in territories and possessions of the United
4 States.

5 (Source: P.A. 102-780, eff. 5-13-22; 102-837, eff. 5-13-22;
6 revised 7-26-22.)

7 (515 ILCS 5/20-105) (from Ch. 56, par. 20-105)

8 Sec. 20-105. Revocation and suspension; refusal to issue.

9 (a) Whenever a license or permit is issued to any person
10 under this Code and its holder is found guilty of any
11 misrepresentation in obtaining the license or permit or of a
12 violation of Section 48-3 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or a
13 violation of any of the provisions of this Code, including
14 administrative rules, or a violation of the United States Code
15 that involves the taking, possessing, killing, harvesting,
16 transportation, selling, exporting, or importing any aquatic
17 life protected by this Code when any part of the United States
18 Code violation occurred in Illinois, the license or permit may
19 be revoked by the Department and the Department may refuse to
20 issue any permit or license to that person and may suspend the
21 person from engaging in the activity requiring the permit or
22 license for a period of time not to exceed 5 years following
23 the revocation. Department revocation procedure shall be
24 established by administrative rule.

25 (b) Whenever any person who has not been issued a license

1 or a permit under the provisions of this Code is found guilty
2 of a violation of Section 48-3 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or
3 a violation of the provisions of this Code, including
4 administrative rules, or a violation of the United States Code
5 that involves the taking, possessing, killing, harvesting,
6 transportation, selling, exporting, or importing any aquatic
7 life protected by this Code when any part of the United States
8 Code violation occurred in Illinois, the Department may refuse
9 to issue any permit or license to that person, and suspend that
10 person from engaging in the activity requiring the permit or
11 license for a period of time not to exceed 5 years.

12 (c) Any person who knowingly or intentionally violates any
13 of the provisions of this Code, including administrative
14 rules, during the 5 years following the revocation of his or
15 her license or permit under subsection (a) or during the time
16 he is suspended under subsection (b), shall be guilty of a
17 Class A misdemeanor as provided in Section 20-35. The
18 penalties for a violation of Section 48-3 of the Criminal Code
19 of 2012 shall be as provided in that Section.

20 (d) A person whose license or permit to engage in any
21 activity regulated by this Code has been suspended or revoked
22 may not, during the period of the suspension or revocation or
23 until obtaining such a license or permit, (i) be in the company
24 of any person engaging in the activity covered by the
25 suspension or revocation or (ii) serve as a guide, outfitter,
26 or facilitator for a person who is engaged or prepared to

1 engage in the activity covered by the suspension or
2 revocation.

3 (e) No person may be issued or obtain a license or permit
4 or engage in any activity regulated by this Code during the
5 time that the person's privilege to engage in the same or
6 similar activities is suspended or revoked by another state,
7 by a federal agency, or by a province of Canada.

8 (f) Any person whose license, stamps, permits, or any
9 other privilege issued by the Department has been suspended or
10 revoked shall immediately return proof of such privileges to
11 the Department. The Department, or any law enforcement entity,
12 is authorized to take possession of any proof of privileges.
13 Any person failing to comply with this subsection by
14 possessing a suspended or revoked license, stamp, or permit
15 issued by the Department after having received written notice
16 from the Department or any other State agency or department of
17 such suspension or revocation is guilty of a Class A
18 misdemeanor.

19 (Source: P.A. 102-837, eff. 5-13-22.)

20 Section 10. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing
21 Sections 3.2 and 3.36 as follows:

22 (520 ILCS 5/3.2) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.2)

23 Sec. 3.2. Hunting license; application; instruction.
24 Before the Department or any county, city, village, township,

1 incorporated town clerk or his duly designated agent or any
2 other person authorized or designated by the Department to
3 issue hunting licenses shall issue a hunting license to any
4 person, the person shall file his application with the
5 Department or other party authorized to issue licenses on a
6 form provided by the Department and further give definite
7 proof of identity and place of legal residence. Each clerk
8 designating agents to issue licenses and stamps shall furnish
9 the Department, within 10 days following the appointment, the
10 names and mailing addresses of the agents. Each clerk or his
11 duly designated agent shall be authorized to sell licenses and
12 stamps only within the territorial area for which he was
13 elected or appointed. No duly designated agent is authorized
14 to furnish licenses or stamps for issuance by any other
15 business establishment. Each application shall be executed and
16 sworn to and shall set forth the name and description of the
17 applicant and place of residence.

18 No hunting license shall be issued to any person born on or
19 after January 1, 1980 unless he presents the person authorized
20 to issue the license evidence that he has held a hunting
21 license issued by the State of Illinois or another state in a
22 prior year, or a certificate of competency as provided in this
23 Section. Persons under 18 years of age may be issued a Lifetime
24 Hunting or Sportsmen's Combination License as provided under
25 Section 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code but shall not
26 be entitled to hunt alone, without the supervision of an adult

1 age 21 or older, unless they have a certificate of competency
2 as provided in this Section and the certificate is in their
3 possession while hunting.

4 The Department of Natural Resources shall authorize
5 personnel of the Department or certified volunteer instructors
6 to conduct courses, of not less than 10 hours in length, in
7 firearms and hunter safety, which may include training in bow
8 and arrow safety, at regularly specified intervals throughout
9 the State. Persons successfully completing the course shall
10 receive a certificate of competency. The Department of Natural
11 Resources may further cooperate with any reputable association
12 or organization in establishing courses if the organization
13 has as one of its objectives the promotion of safety in the
14 handling of firearms or bow and arrow.

15 The Department of Natural Resources shall designate any
16 person found by it to be competent to give instruction in the
17 handling of firearms, hunter safety, and bow and arrow. The
18 persons so appointed shall give the course of instruction and
19 upon the successful completion shall issue to the person
20 instructed a certificate of competency in the safe handling of
21 firearms, hunter safety, and bow and arrow. No charge shall be
22 made for any course of instruction except for materials or
23 ammunition consumed. The Department of Natural Resources shall
24 furnish information on the requirements of hunter safety
25 education programs to be distributed free of charge to
26 applicants for hunting licenses by the persons appointed and

1 authorized to issue licenses. Funds for the conducting of
2 firearms and hunter safety courses shall be taken from the fee
3 charged for the Firearm Owners Identification Card.

4 The fee for a hunting license to hunt all species for a
5 resident of Illinois is \$12. For residents age 65 or older,
6 and, commencing with the 2012 license year, resident veterans
7 of the United States Armed Forces after returning from service
8 abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States
9 as an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces, the
10 Illinois National Guard, or the Reserves of the United States
11 Armed Forces, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a
12 hunting license to hunt all species for a resident of
13 Illinois. Veterans must provide to the Department acceptable
14 verification of their service. The Department shall establish
15 by administrative rule the procedure by which such
16 verification of service shall be made to the Department for
17 the purpose of issuing resident veterans hunting licenses at a
18 reduced fee. The fee for a hunting license to hunt all species
19 shall be \$1 for residents over 75 years of age. Nonresidents
20 shall be charged \$57 for a hunting license.

21 Residents of this State may obtain a 3-year hunting
22 license to hunt all species for 3 times the annual fee. For
23 residents age 65 or older and resident veterans of the United
24 States Armed Forces after returning from service abroad or
25 mobilization by the President of the United States, the fee is
26 one-half of the fee charged for a 3-year hunting license to

1 hunt all species for a resident of this State. Veterans must
2 provide to the Department, per administrative rule,
3 verification of their service. The Department shall establish
4 what constitutes suitable verification of service for the
5 purpose of issuing resident veterans 3-year hunting licenses
6 at a reduced fee.

7 Nonresidents may be issued a nonresident hunting license
8 for a period not to exceed 10 consecutive days' hunting in the
9 State and shall be charged a fee of \$35.

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

18 Each applicant for a State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp,
19 regardless of his residence or other condition, shall pay a
20 fee of \$15 and shall receive a stamp. The fee for a State
21 Migratory Waterfowl Stamp shall be waived for residents over
22 75 years of age. Except as provided under Section 20-45 of the
23 Fish and Aquatic Life Code, the stamp shall be signed by the
24 person or affixed to his license or permit in a space
25 designated by the Department for that purpose.

26 Each applicant for a State Habitat Stamp, regardless of

1 his residence or other condition, shall pay a fee of \$5 and
2 shall receive a stamp. The fee for a State Habitat Stamp shall
3 be waived for residents over 75 years of age. Except as
4 provided under Section 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life
5 Code, the stamp shall be signed by the person or affixed to his
6 license or permit in a space designated by the Department for
7 that purpose.

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

11 The fees for State Pheasant Stamps and State Furbearer
12 Stamps shall be waived for residents over 75 years of age.

13 The Department shall furnish the holders of hunting
14 licenses and stamps with an insignia as evidence of possession
15 of license, or license and stamp, as the Department may
16 consider advisable. The insignia shall be exhibited and used
17 as the Department may order.

18 All other hunting licenses and all State stamps shall
19 expire upon March 31 of each year. Three-year hunting licenses
20 shall expire on March 31 of the 2nd year after the year in
21 which the license is issued.

22 Every person holding any license, permit, or stamp issued
23 under the provisions of this Act shall have it in his
24 possession for immediate presentation for inspection to the
25 officers and authorized employees of the Department, any
26 sheriff, deputy sheriff, or any other peace officer making a

1 demand for it. This provision shall not apply to Department
2 owned or managed sites where it is required that all hunters
3 deposit their license, permit, or Firearm Owner's
4 Identification Card at the check station upon entering the
5 hunting areas.

6 For the purposes of this Section, "acceptable
7 verification" means official documentation from the Department
8 of Defense or the appropriate Major Command showing
9 mobilization dates or service abroad dates, including: (i) a
10 DD-214, (ii) a letter from the Illinois Department of Military
11 Affairs for members of the Illinois National Guard, (iii) a
12 letter from the Regional Reserve Command for members of the
13 Armed Forces Reserve, (iv) a letter from the Major Command
14 covering Illinois for active duty members, (v) personnel
15 records for mobilized State employees, and (vi) any other
16 documentation that the Department, by administrative rule,
17 deems acceptable to establish dates of mobilization or service
18 abroad.

19 For the purposes of this Section, the term "service
20 abroad" means active duty service outside of the 50 United
21 States and the District of Columbia, and includes all active
22 duty service in territories and possessions of the United
23 States.

24 (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 102-780, eff. 5-13-22.)

25 (520 ILCS 5/3.36) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.36)

1 Sec. 3.36. Revocation and suspension.

2 (a) Whenever a license or permit is issued to any person
3 under this Act, and the holder thereof is found guilty of any
4 misrepresentation in obtaining such license or permit or of a
5 violation of Section 48-3 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or a
6 violation of any of the provisions of this Act, including
7 administrative rules, or a violation of the United States Code
8 that involves the taking, possessing, killing, harvesting,
9 transportation, selling, exporting, or importing any wildlife
10 protected by this Code when any part of the United States Code
11 violation occurred in Illinois, his license or permit may be
12 revoked by the Department, and the Department may refuse to
13 issue any permit or license to such person and may suspend the
14 person from engaging in the activity requiring the permit or
15 license for a period of time not to exceed 5 years following
16 such revocation.

17 Department revocation procedures shall be established by
18 Administrative rule.

19 (b) Whenever any person who has not been issued a license
20 or a permit under the provisions of this Code is found guilty
21 of a violation of Section 48-3 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or
22 a violation of the provisions of this Code, including
23 administrative rules, or a violation of the United States Code
24 that involves the taking, possessing, killing, harvesting,
25 transportation, selling, exporting, or importing any wildlife
26 protected by this Code when any part of the United States Code

1 violation occurred in Illinois, the Department may refuse to
2 issue any permit or license to that person, and suspend that
3 person from engaging in the activity requiring the permit or
4 license for a period of time not to exceed 5 years.

5 (c) Any person who knowingly or intentionally violates any
6 of the provisions of this Act, including administrative rules,
7 during such period when his license or permit is revoked or
8 denied by virtue of this Section or during the time he is
9 suspended under subsection (b), shall be guilty of a Class A
10 misdemeanor. The penalties for a violation of Section 48-3 of
11 the Criminal Code of 2012 shall be as provided in that Section.

12 (d) Licenses and permits authorized to be issued under the
13 provisions of this Act shall be prepared by the Department and
14 be in such form as prescribed by the Department. The
15 information required on each license shall be completed
16 thereon by the issuing agent or his sub-agent at the time of
17 issuance and each license shall be signed by the licensee, or
18 initialed by the designated purchaser and then signed
19 immediately upon receipt by the licensee, and countersigned by
20 the issuing agent or his sub-agent at the time of issuance. All
21 such licenses shall be supplied by the Department, subject to
22 such rules and regulations as the Department may prescribe.
23 Any license not properly prepared, obtained and signed as
24 required by this Act shall be void.

25 (e) A person whose license or permit to engage in any
26 activity regulated by this Code has been suspended or revoked

1 may not, during the period of the suspension or revocation or
2 until obtaining such a license or permit, (i) be in the company
3 of any person engaging in the activity covered by the
4 suspension or revocation or (ii) serve as a guide, outfitter,
5 or facilitator for a person who is engaged or prepared to
6 engage in the activity covered by the suspension or
7 revocation.

8 (f) No person may be issued or obtain a license or permit
9 or engage in any activity regulated by this Code during the
10 time that the person's privilege to engage in the same or
11 similar activities is suspended or revoked by another state,
12 by a federal agency, or by a province of Canada.

13 (g) Any person whose license, stamps, permits, or any
14 other privilege issued by the Department has been suspended or
15 revoked shall immediately return proof of such privileges to
16 the Department. The Department, or any law enforcement entity,
17 is authorized to take possession of any proof of privileges.
18 Any person failing to comply with this subsection by
19 possessing a suspended or revoked license, stamp, or permit
20 issued by the Department after having received written notice
21 from the Department or any other State agency or department of
22 such suspension or revocation is guilty of a Class A
23 misdemeanor.

24 (Source: P.A. 102-837, eff. 5-13-22.)