

HB4237



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/16/2024, by Rep. Harry Benton

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

520 ILCS 5/2.11

from Ch. 61, par. 2.11

Amends the Wildlife Code. Permits the taking of wild turkey by a shotgun of not larger than 10 gauge nor smaller than .410 bore, using shot size not larger than No. 4. Now, the Code permits the taking of wild turkey by a shotgun of not larger than 10 nor smaller than 20 gauge with shot size not larger than No. 4.

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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
5 Section 2.11 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/2.11) (from Ch. 61, par. 2.11)

7 Sec. 2.11. Before any person may lawfully hunt wild
8 turkey, he shall first obtain a "Wild Turkey Hunting Permit"
9 in accordance with the prescribed regulations set forth in an
10 administrative rule of the Department. The fee for a Resident
11 Wild Turkey Hunting Permit shall not exceed \$15.

12 Upon submitting suitable evidence of legal residence in
13 any other state, non-residents shall be charged a fee not to
14 exceed \$125 for wild turkey hunting permits.

15 The Department may by administrative rule allocate and
16 issue non-resident Wild Turkey Permits and establish fees for
17 such permits.

18 It shall be unlawful to take wild turkey except by use of a
19 bow and arrow or a shotgun of not larger than 10 gauge nor
20 smaller than .410 bore, ~~using 20 gauge with~~ shot size not
21 larger than No. 4, and no person while attempting to so take
22 wild turkey may have in his possession any other gun unless in
23 accordance with the Firearm Concealed Carry Act.

1 It shall be unlawful to take, or attempt to take wild
2 turkey except during the time from 1/2 hour before sunrise to
3 1/2 hour after sunset or during such lesser period of time as
4 may be specified by administrative rule, during those days for
5 which an open season is established.

6 It shall be unlawful for any person to take, or attempt to
7 take, wild turkey by use of dogs, horses, automobiles,
8 aircraft or other vehicles, or conveyances, or by the use or
9 aid of bait or baiting of any kind. For the purposes of this
10 Section, "bait" means any material, whether liquid or solid,
11 including food, salt, minerals, and other products, except
12 pure water, that can be ingested, placed, or scattered in such
13 a manner as to attract or lure wild turkeys. "Baiting" means
14 the placement or scattering of bait to attract wild turkeys.
15 An area is considered as baited during the presence of and for
16 10 consecutive days following the removal of the bait.

17 It is unlawful for any person to take in Illinois or have
18 in his possession more than one wild turkey per valid permit.

19 For the purposes of calculating acreage under this
20 Section, the Department shall, after determining the total
21 acreage of the applicable tract or tracts of land, round
22 remaining fractional portions of an acre greater than or equal
23 to half of an acre up to the next whole acre.

24 For the purposes of taking wild turkey, nothing in this
25 Section shall be construed to prevent the manipulation,
26 including mowing or cutting, of standing crops as a normal

1 agricultural or soil stabilization practice, food plots, or
2 normal agricultural practices, including planting, harvesting,
3 and maintenance such as cultivating. Such manipulation for the
4 purpose of taking wild turkey may be further modified by
5 administrative rule.

6 (Source: P.A. 102-237, eff. 1-1-22.)