

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 2.25 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/2.25) (from Ch. 61, par. 2.25)

7 Sec. 2.25. It shall be unlawful for any person to take  
8 deer except (i) with a shotgun or muzzleloading rifle or (ii)  
9 as provided by administrative rule, with a bow and arrow, or  
10 crossbow device for handicapped persons as defined in Section  
11 2.33, during the open season of not more than 14 days which  
12 will be set annually by the Director between the dates of  
13 November 1st and December 31st, both inclusive. The open  
14 season for hunting by shotgun each year must start on a  
15 Thursday and last, in the aggregate, at least 8 days.

16 It shall be unlawful for any person to take deer except  
17 with a bow and arrow, or crossbow device for handicapped  
18 persons (as defined in Section 2.33), during the open season  
19 for bow and arrow set annually by the Director between the  
20 dates of September 1st and January 31st, both inclusive.

21 It shall be unlawful for any person to take deer except  
22 with (i) a muzzleloading rifle, or (ii) bow and arrow, or  
23 crossbow device for handicapped persons as defined in Section  
24 2.33, during the open season for muzzleloading rifles set  
25 annually by the Director.

26 The Director shall cause an administrative rule setting  
27 forth the prescribed rules and regulations, including bag and  
28 possession limits and those counties of the State where open  
29 seasons are established, to be published in accordance with  
30 Sections 1.3 and 1.13 of this Act.

31 The Department is authorized to establish a separate

1 harvest period at specific sites within the State for the  
2 purpose of harvesting surplus deer that cannot be taken  
3 during the regular season provided for the taking of deer.  
4 This season shall be restricted to gun or bow and arrow  
5 hunting only and shall be established during the period of  
6 September 1st to February 15th, both inclusive. The  
7 Department shall publish suitable prescribed rules and  
8 regulations established by administrative rule pertaining to  
9 management restrictions applicable to this special harvest  
10 program.

11 (Source: P.A. 86-1188; 87-126; 87-234; 87-895; 87-1015;  
12 87-1243; 87-1268.)

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
14 becoming law.