

AN ACT concerning animals.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing Sections 3.19 and 3.20 and adding Section 3.16a as follows:

(520 ILCS 5/3.16a new)

Sec. 3.16a. Non-resident auction participation permit; fee. Any individual who is not a resident of the State of Illinois and does not possess a non-resident fur buyer permit must obtain a non-resident auction participation permit to receive, collect, buy, or act as an agent or broker in the receipt, collection, or purchase of the green hides of fur-bearing mammals at auctions organized for these purposes within the State of Illinois. Non-resident auction participation permits shall be issued by the Department. The annual fee for each non-resident auction participation permit is \$50. Non-resident auction participation permits expire on April 30. A holder of a non-resident auction participation permit may receive, collect, buy, possess, transport, or act as an agent or broker in the receipt, collection, or purchase of legally taken fur-bearing mammals from May 1 through the next April 30. Failure to establish proof of legality or origin of the green hides of fur-bearing mammals, however, is prima facie evidence that the green hides are contraband within the State of Illinois. Nothing in this Section exempts any permittee from complying with any federal laws, rules, or regulations that may apply to the green hides of fur-bearing mammals.

(520 ILCS 5/3.19) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.19)

Sec. 3.19. Each resident retail fur buyer, resident wholesale fur buyer, nonresident fur buyer, non-resident auction participant, fur bearing mammal breeder or fur tanner

shall have his permit in his possession when receiving, collecting, buying, selling, or offering for sale, the green hides of fur-bearing or game mammals or accepting the same for dressing, dyeing, or tanning, and shall immediately produce the same when requested to do so by an officer or authorized employees of the Department, any sheriff, deputy sheriff or any other peace officer. Persons conducting organized and established auction sales or the green hides of fur-bearing or game mammals, protected by this Act, shall be exempt from the provisions of this Section.

(Source: P.A. 81-382.)

(520 ILCS 5/3.20) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.20)

Sec. 3.20. All fur buyers and non-resident auction participants, shall, upon purchasing any green hide of any fur-bearing mammal, protected by this Act, issue a numbered receipt to the hunter, trapper, fur buyer, fur-bearing mammal breeder or other person from whom he purchased such hides, setting forth the number and kinds of green hides, the date of purchase, the price paid for each hide, the name and address of the hunter, trapper, fur buyer, fur-bearing mammal breeder or other person from whom he purchased such hides, and the appropriate license number or stamp number of the hunter, trapper, fur buyer, fur-bearing mammal breeder or other person from whom the hides were purchased, if applicable. The original receipt shall be retained by the fur buyer for a minimum of 2 years from the date of purchase listed on the receipt. A duplicate receipt shall be given to the hunter, trapper, fur buyer, fur-bearing mammal breeder or other person from whom the green hides were purchased at the time of purchase.

All fur buyers shall submit a report to the Department on forms provided by the Department showing the number and kinds of all green hides of fur-bearing mammals received, collected or purchased, and the average price, if any, paid therefore and such other information as required by the Department. This report shall be made on or before May 10 of each year and shall

include all operations for the 12 months preceding May 1 of the current year. All such receipts, reports, and records required by this Section shall be available for inspection by any officer or authorized employee of the Department, any sheriff, deputy sheriff, or any other peace officer at any reasonable time when request is made for same. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Section shall bar the permittee from obtaining a fur buyer permit for the following year.

(Source: P.A. 89-341, eff. 8-17-95.)