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PART 2510
ILLINOIS RESIDENT ARMED FORCES FEE EXEMPTIONS
AND ILLINOIS RESIDENT VETERAN FEE REDUCTIONS

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17 Code of Illinois [20 ILCS 805/805-305], Sections 20-45 and 20-47 of the Fish and Aquatic Life
18 Code [515 ILCS 5/20-45 and 20-47] and by Sections 3.1-4 and 3.2 of the Wildlife Code [520
19 ILCS 5/3.1-4 and 3.2].

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24 February 24, 2012; amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 14424, effective September 5, 2012; amended at 50
25 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____.

27 **Section 2510.10 Purpose**

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- 29 a) The purpose of this Part is to acknowledge and recognize the contribution of:
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- 31 1) *Illinois residents returning from service abroad or mobilization by the*
32 *President of the United States as an active duty member of the United*
33 *States Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or the Reserves of the*
34 *United States Armed Forces [20 ILCS 805/805-305]; and*
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- 36 2) *Illinois resident veterans of the United States Armed Forces after*
37 *returning from service abroad or mobilization by the President of the*
38 *United States [515 ILCS 5/20-45].*
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- 40 b) In recognition of the services of Illinois resident service members, the
41 Department of Natural Resources will waive specified fees for camping, fishing
42 and hunting, as authorized by law, for the amount of time that the active duty
43 member spent in service abroad or mobilized.

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- c) In recognition of the services of Illinois resident veterans, the Department of Natural Resources will issue veterans a current fishing license, sportsmen's combination license or hunting license at one-half the current fee as authorized by law.

(Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 2510.20 Definitions

"Acceptable verification of service or mobilization" – means official documentation from the Department of Defense or the appropriate Major Command showing mobilization dates or service abroad dates, including:

a DD-214,

a letter from the Illinois Department of Military Affairs for members of the Illinois National Guard,

a letter from the Regional Reserve Command for members of the Armed Forces Reserve,

a letter from the Major Command covering Illinois for active duty members, personnel records for mobilized State employees, and

any other documentation that the Department, by administrative rule, deems acceptable to establish dates for mobilization or service abroad.

[520 ILCS 5/3.1-4]

A copy of deployment orders shall not be accepted as verification.

Active Duty – means active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, as evidenced by a DD form 2, United States Uniformed Service Identification Card, marked "Active" or "Active Duty".

Department – means the Department of Natural Resources.

~~Members – means Illinois resident military, guard or reserve members.~~

Mobilization – means that ~~a person was~~~~Reserves or Guard Members were~~ called to active duty by the President of the United States under Title 10 or Title 32, United States Code.

87 Service Abroad – means active duty service outside of the 50 United States and
88 the District of Columbia, and includes all active duty service in territories and
89 possessions of the United States.
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92 ~~Department of Defense or the appropriate Major Command showing mobilization~~
93 ~~dates or service abroad dates, including a DD-214, a letter from the Illinois~~
94 ~~Department of Military Affairs for members of the Illinois National Guard, a~~
95 ~~letter from the Regional Reserve Command for members of the Armed Forces~~
96 ~~Reserve, a letter from the Major Command covering Illinois for active duty~~
97 ~~members, or personnel records for mobilized State employees. A copy of orders~~
98 ~~shall not be accepted as verification.~~
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100 Veteran – means an Illinois resident who is a former member of the Armed Forces
101 of the United States, as evidenced by a ~~form~~ DD-214 form issued by a branch of
102 the Armed Forces of the United States.
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104 (Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)
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106 **Section 2510.30 Fee Exemptions and Fee Reductions**
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108 a) Illinois residents returning from service ~~resident military members who have~~
109 ~~served~~ abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States as an active
110 duty member of the United States Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or
111 the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces, ~~or guard or reserve members~~
112 ~~who were mobilized~~, are eligible for the following without fee upon application
113 and verification of service or mobilization to the Department:
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- 115 1) Camping, with no camping fee except:
 - 116 A) camper is responsible for applicable utility fees; and
 - 117 B) camper is responsible for applicable rent-a-tent fees and cabin fees.
- 118 2) Sport fishing and hunting:
 - 119 A) ~~A~~ ~~Members will be issued a~~ current Combined Sportsman's
120 License, ~~and~~ Habitat Stamp and a trapping license.
 - 121 B) If requested, ~~by~~ the applicant will also be issued ~~member~~, one
122 statewide archery deer permit ~~will be issued upon verification~~ if
123 currently available. One free firearm deer permit for the county of
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choice (and the archery deer permit if not available at time of verification) will be mailed to the applicant when available.

3) Except for the purposes of obtaining a Lifetime License, any person on active duty in the Armed Forces shall be considered a resident of Illinois during his or her period of military duty. [515 ILCS 5/1-75 and 520 ILCS 5/1.2m]

b) Resident Illinois resident veterans of the United States Armed Forces after returning from service who have served abroad or mobilization, or guard or reserve members who were mobilized by the President of the United States as an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces, are eligible to purchase licenses at one-half the fee charged for the following:

- 1) fishing license (see 515 ILCS 5/20-45(a));
- 2) sportsmen's combination license (see 515 ILCS 5/20-45(c)); and
- 3) hunting license (see 520 ILCS 5/20-3.2).

c) Non-resident veterans~~military members~~ are not eligible for no-fee hunting, fishing or camping.

d) Non-resident veterans are not eligible for reduced fee hunting or fishing licenses.

(Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 2510.40 Application

a) Military members are eligible for free sport fishing, hunting and camping for one year for each year served and for one year for each portion of a year served.

b) To receive free passes, licenses, stamps and permits, eligible military members and veterans shall comply with the following:

- 1) Mail, email or appear~~Appear~~ in person with their application, acceptable verification of service or mobilization, and any other documentation as required by this Part to~~at the following Department of Natural Resources offices:~~

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Office of Strategic Services

172 One Natural Resources Way
173 Springfield, Illinois
174 DNR.OSSMilitary@illinois.gov

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176 ~~2317 E. Lincolnway~~
177 ~~Sterling, Illinois~~

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179 ~~15676 State Highway 54~~
180 ~~Clinton, Illinois~~

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182 ~~11731 State Highway 37~~
183 ~~Benton, Illinois~~

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185 ~~4521 Alton Commerce Parkway~~
186 ~~Alton, Illinois~~

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188 2) Eligible military members must apply within two years after their return
189 from abroad or release from mobilization, provide verification of dates of
190 service abroad or verification of dates of mobilization (see Section
191 2510.20) and provide a [government issued](#) photo identification card.

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193 3) Veterans can apply at any time and must provide a form DD-214 and a
194 [government issued](#) photo identification card [to the Department](#).

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196 c) The Armed Forces Special Pass (camping), issued to eligible military members,
197 shall become effective on the date of application and shall expire on the same
198 month and day in the year the entitlement expires.

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200 d) [Any license or permit issued without charge pursuant to Section 2510.30\(a\)](#)~~The~~
201 ~~Combined Sportsman's License~~ will expire March 31 of each year. If eligible, [any](#)
202 [license or permit issued without charge pursuant to Section 2510.30\(a\)](#)~~a new~~
203 ~~Combined Sportsman's License, stamp and deer permit~~ may be obtained by
204 following the procedures under subsection (b) [above](#). Eligible military members
205 can [provide the Department with a copy of](#)~~show~~ an unexpired Armed Forces
206 Special Pass to obtain a new license, stamp or permit.

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208 e) After the initial issuance of one-half price licenses under [Section](#)
209 [2510.30](#)~~subsection~~(b), eligible veterans may obtain one-half price licenses in
210 subsequent years through the Department website or over-the-counter from any of
211 the Department's direct license agents [without having to provide additional copies](#)
212 [of acceptable verification of services or mobilization](#).

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214 (Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

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Section 2510.50 Violations (Repealed)

- a) ~~Violation of this Part is a petty offense (see 520 ILCS 5/3.5).~~
- b) ~~Obtaining licenses, stamps, permits or an Armed Forces Special Pass (camping) by providing false information is a Class 4 Felony (see 720 ILCS 5/16-1).~~
- e) ~~Misuse of the Armed Forces Special Pass, such as obtaining a campsite for others for times the member does not camp at the site, shall result in forfeiture of the pass, in addition to other penalties prescribed by law.~~

(Source: Repealed at 50 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)