

TITLE 17: CONSERVATION
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PART 2510
ILLINOIS RESIDENT ARMED FORCES FEE EXEMPTIONS

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Section 2510.10 Purpose

The purpose of this Part is to acknowledge the contribution of *Illinois residents returning from service abroad or mobilization 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* [20 ILCS 805/805-305]. In recognition of their services, the Department of Natural Resources will waive specified fees for camping, fishing and hunting for the amount of time that the active duty member spent in service abroad or mobilized.

Section 2510.20 Definitions

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.

Mobilizations – means that 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.

Service Abroad – means active duty service outside the states of the United States of America, its territories or possessions.

Verification of Service Abroad or Verification of Mobilization – means official documentation from the Department of Defense or the appropriate major command showing mobilization dates or service abroad dates. Acceptable documents include a DD-214; a letter from the Illinois Department of Military Affairs for members of the Illinois National Guard, the Regional Reserve Command for members of the Armed Forces Reserve, the Major Command covering Illinois for active duty members; or personnel records for State employees mobilized. A copy of orders shall not be accepted as verification.

Section 2510.30 Fee Exemptions

- a) Illinois resident military members who have served abroad, or guard or reserve members who were mobilized, are eligible for the following without fee:
 - 1) Camping, with no camping fee except:
 - A) camper is responsible for applicable utility fees; and
 - B) camper is responsible for applicable rent-a-tent fees and cabin fees.
 - 2) Sport fishing and hunting:
 - A) Members will be issued a current Combined Sportsman's License and Habitat Stamp.
 - B) If requested by the member, one statewide archery deer permit will be issued upon verification if currently available. One free firearm deer permit for the county of choice (and the archery deer permit if not available at time of verification) will be mailed to the applicant when available.
- b) Non-resident military members are not eligible for no-fee hunting, fishing or camping.

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 a camping pass, sportsman's license, habitat stamp and/or deer permit, eligible military members shall:
 - 1) Appear in person at the Department of Natural Resources headquarters:

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, Illinois
 - 2) Apply within two years after their return from abroad or release from mobilization. Members released or who returned anytime in 2003 must apply before December 31, 2005.
 - 3) Provide verification of dates of service abroad or verification of dates of mobilization (see Section 2510.20).
 - 4) Provide a photo identification card.
- c) The Armed Forces Special Pass (camping) shall become effective on the date of application and shall expire on the same month and day in the year the entitlement expires.
- d) The Combined Sportsman's License will expire March 31 of each year. A new Combined Sportsman's License, stamp and deer permit may be obtained by following the procedures under subsection (b) or by showing an unexpired Armed Forces Special Pass.

Section 2510.50 Violations

- 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 by providing false information is a Class 4 Felony (see 720 ILCS 5/16-1).
- c) 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.