

HUNTING PERMIT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

IC 14-22-12-6 Special permit for persons with disabilities

Sec. 6. The department may issue a special permit for the taking of wildlife by a person with a disability of such a nature that it is difficult or impossible for the individual to be in a position to take wildlife unless the individual is given special consideration. Statutes and rules may be waived only as necessary to give effect to this section.

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312 IAC 9-10-10 Hunting permit for persons with disabilities

Authority: IC 14-11-2-1; IC 14-22-2-6

Affected: IC 14-22

Sec. 10. (a) The department may issue a permit under this section to a person with a disability to take wildlife, if the disability would otherwise make the taking of wildlife by the individual difficult or impossible. The permit applies from August 15 through the last day of the wild turkey hunting season established under 312 IAC 9-4-11.

(b) A permit application under this section shall be made as follows:

(1) The initial application shall be made on a departmental form and delivered to the division by July 1 for the current year hunting season. The application form may be obtained from the division beginning on May 1 of each year.

(2) The initial application must be accompanied by a statement of disability completed by a physician.

(3) The division shall review each completed application. The director may issue a permit under this section by August 1 of each year. If an application is not recommended for approval, the applicant shall be notified by mail.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, no renewal application is required for a person with disabilities hunting permit. An applicant with a temporary disability may be required by the division to submit, on an annual basis, additional documentation from a physician and a renewal application.

(c) A person issued a permit under this section may hunt wild animals from a stationary motor driven conveyance subject to the following restrictions:

(1) The permit holder must abide by all other hunting laws.

(2) The permit holder must possess a valid hunting license and the permit issued under this section.

(3) The permit holder must obtain in advance the permission of the manager of public property (local, state, or federal) to gain vehicular access to lands or roads that are otherwise closed to vehicular traffic.

(4) The permit holder may display a windshield identification placard supplied by the division of fish and wildlife while hunting from a vehicle. The placard must be displayed in such a way as to be visible from at least fifty (50) feet.

(d) An individual may be designated to assist a person issued a permit under this section in the retrieval of wild game harvested by the permit holder.

(e) The director may waive other provisions of 312 IAC 9-3 for an individual permit holder. The use of a crossbow may be specially authorized during archery season for hunting deer. (*Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 9-10-10; filed May 12, 1997, 10:00 a.m.: 20 IR 2731; filed May 28, 1998, 5:14 p.m.: 21 IR 3729; readopted filed Jul 28, 2003, 12:00 p.m.: 27 IR 286*)