

INDIANA DNR HUNTING GUIDE LICENSE

IC 14-22-15.5 Chapter 15.5. Hunting Guide License

IC 14-22-15.5-1 Definitions

Sec. 1. (a) As used in this chapter, "hunting guide" refers to an individual who holds a license under this chapter to provide hunting guide services.

(b) As used in this chapter, "hunting guide license" means a license issued under this chapter.

(c) As used in this chapter, "hunting guide services" means hunting guide or outfitter services that are offered or provided for money or other consideration. The term includes services by a person who for money or other consideration:

- (1) offers or advertises to transport an individual;
- (2) transports an individual to a location;
- (3) offers or advertises to assist, provide direction, or provide advice to an individual; or
- (4) assists, provides direction, or provides advice to an individual;

for the purpose of hunting.

IC 14-22-15.5-2 License requirement

Sec. 2. (a) An individual may not provide hunting guide services without a hunting guide license issued under this chapter.

(b) The director shall issue a hunting guide license to an applicant upon the applicant's submission of an application that includes all information required by the director and payment of the fee described in section 3 of this chapter.

IC 14-22-15.5-3 Annual fee

Sec. 3. Subject to [IC 14-22-2-10](#), the minimum annual fee for a hunting guide license for a resident or a nonresident is one hundred dollars (\$100).

IC 14-22-15.5-4 Validity; expiration

Sec. 4. A hunting guide license:

- (1) is valid for one (1) year; and
- (2) expires March 31 following the year in which the license was issued.

IC 14-22-15.5-5 Records and reports

Sec. 5. (a) A hunting guide shall keep an accurate record of the following:

- (1) Each day's harvest of game measured by county and township.
- (2) Other related information that the director requires by rule.

(b) Before the fifteenth day of each month, a hunting guide shall report the previous month's record required under subsection (a) to the director on forms furnished by the director. A hunting guide shall submit the report to the director even if no animals are harvested.

IC 14-22-15.5-6 Failure to keep records or make reports

Sec. 6. The director may:

- (1) refuse under [IC 4-21.5-3-5](#) to grant, renew, or restore; or
- (2) suspend or revoke under [IC 4-21.5-3-6](#);

a hunting guide license of an individual who fails to keep a record or make a report required under section 5 of this chapter.

IC 14-22-15.5-7 Operation without a license

Sec. 7. An individual who acts as a hunting guide without a hunting guide license in violation of section 2 of this chapter commits a Class B infraction.

IC 14-22-15.5-8 Violations; license suspension

Sec. 8. An individual who:

- (1) fails to keep accurate records in violation of section 5(a) of this chapter; or
 - (2) fails to report monthly to the director in violation of section 5(b) of this chapter;
- shall have the individual's hunting guide license suspended by the director for one (1) year. The individual may reapply for a hunting guide license at the discretion of the director.

IC 14-22-15.5-9 Rule adoption

Sec. 9. The director shall adopt rules under [IC 4-22-2](#) to implement this chapter.

IC 14-22-38-6 Unlawful sale or shipment of wild animals, nests, or eggs; unlawful guide services

Sec. 6. (a) As used in this section, "guide services" means fishing or hunting guide or outfitter services that are offered or provided for money or other consideration. The term includes services by a person who for money or other consideration:

- (1) offers or advertises to transport an individual;
- (2) transports an individual to a location;
- (3) offers or advertises to assist, provide direction, or provide advice to an individual; or
- (4) assists, provides direction, or provides advice to an individual;

for the purpose of hunting or fishing.

(b) As used in this section, "sell" includes barter, purchases, and offers to sell, barter, or purchase.

(c) As used in this section, "ship" includes transporting, delivering for shipment or transport, and causing to be shipped or transported.

(d) As used in this section, "wild animal" includes the following:

- (1) A living or dead wild animal.
- (2) A part of a living or dead wild animal.

(e) A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this article by unlawfully:

- (1) selling or shipping wild animals, nests, or eggs; or
 - (2) providing guide services to take, acquire, receive, transport, or possess wild animals;
- that are protected by law and have an aggregate market value of less than five hundred dollars (\$500) commits a Class C misdemeanor.

(f) A person who:

- (1) provides guide services; and
 - (2) knowingly or intentionally transports an individual to private property to hunt or fish without the permission or consent of the landowner;
- commits a Class A misdemeanor.

(g) A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this article by unlawfully:

- (1) selling or shipping wild animals, nests, or eggs; or
 - (2) providing guide services to take, acquire, receive, transport, or possess wild animals;
- that are protected by law and have an aggregate market value of at least five hundred dollars (\$500) but less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) commits a Level 6 felony.

(h) A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this article by unlawfully:

- (1) selling or shipping wild animals, nests, or eggs; or
 - (2) providing guide services to take, acquire, receive, transport, or possess wild animals;
- that are protected by law and have an aggregate market value of at least five thousand dollars (\$5,000) commits a Level 5 felony.