

HUNTING PERMIT FOR A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY

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.

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

Authority: IC 14-11-2-1; IC 14-22-2-6; IC 14-22-12-6

Affected: IC 14-22

Sec. 10. (a) The department may issue a permit to take a wild animal to an individual with a disability, if the disability would otherwise make the taking of a wild animal by the individual difficult or impossible.

(b) To seek a permit under this document, an individual must submit a completed application to the department on a departmental form and include a statement of disability completed by a licensed physician.

(c) The department's division of fish and wildlife shall review each completed application. If the division does not recommend approval of an application, or includes conditions which are different from those sought by the applicant, the division shall notify the applicant by mail.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a renewal application is not required unless a licensed physician indicates the disability is temporary. A permit issued to an individual with a temporary disability is effective from the date of issuance through the last day of the spring wild turkey hunting season of the following year established under 312 IAC 9-4-11.

(e) Any individual issued a permit under this document must do the following:

- (1) abide by all hunting laws; and
- (2) possess a valid hunting license and the permit issued under this document.

(f) The department may issue a permit under this document that authorizes an individual to hunt from a stationary motor conveyance. An individual with a permit authorized under this subsection must do the following:

- (1) 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.
- (2) Display a windshield identification placard supplied by the division while hunting from a vehicle. The placard must be displayed in such a way as to be visible from at least fifty (50) feet.

(g) An individual may be designated to assist an individual issued a permit under this document with the retrieval of a wild animal harvested by the permit holder.

(h) The department may authorize the use of a crossbow during archery season for hunting deer and may waive other provisions of 312 IAC 9-3 for an individual issued a permit under this section.

312 IAC 9-1-5.5 "Disability" defined

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Sec. 5.5. "Disability" means a physical impairment to an individual resulting from an injury or disease, but excludes an impairment which is attributable to the normal aging process.