

# **Indiana Fur Buyer's License Rule & Statute**

## **IC 14-8-2-108 "Furbearing mammal"**

Sec. 108. "Furbearing mammal", for purposes of IC 14-22, means beaver, red fox, gray fox, long tailed weasel, mink, muskrat, raccoon, coyote, opossum, or skunk.

## **IC 14-22-19**

### **Chapter 19. Licenses for Furbearing Mammals**

#### **IC 14-22-19-1**

##### **License requirement**

Sec. 1. A person must have a license issued by the department to engage in the business of buying furbearing mammals or the untanned hides or furs of furbearing mammals in Indiana.

#### **IC 14-22-19-2**

##### **Types of licenses; fees**

Sec. 2. The department may issue the following licenses to engage in the business of buying furbearing mammals or the untanned hides, skins, and furs of furbearing mammals in Indiana upon payment of the following license fees:

(1) A resident buyer's license, authorizing purchases direct from trappers or from other licensed buyers, seventy-five dollars (\$75).

(2) A nonresident buyer's license, authorizing purchases direct from trappers or from other licensed buyers, one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125).

#### **IC 14-22-19-3**

##### **Issuance; expiration**

Sec. 3. Upon receipt of an application containing the proper information and the prescribed fee, the department shall issue a license to the applicant. The license:

(1) expires June 30 after the date of issue; and

(2) entitles the holder to purchase:

(A) furbearing mammals; or

(B) the untanned hides, skins, or furs of furbearing mammals.

#### **IC 14-22-19-4**

##### **Agents or employees of license holders**

Sec. 4. The agents or employees of a person who is licensed are exempt from procuring a license to purchase:

(1) furbearing mammals; or

(2) the untanned hides, skins, or furs of furbearing mammals;

at the office or place of business of the person for whom the license was issued.

#### **IC 14-22-19-5**

##### **Direct purchases from trappers**

Sec. 5. Purchases direct from trappers may be made only during the open season on the furbearing mammals and the grace period provided by this article.

#### **IC 14-22-19-6**

##### **Reports**

Sec. 6. Every licensed fur buyer shall make a report in writing to the department of all purchases of furbearing mammals made during the preceding open season by the date established by the department.

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Authority: IC 14-11-2-1; IC 14-22-2-6; IC 14-22-19

Affected: IC 14-22-19-3

Sec. 12. (a) This section applies to a person who is issued a fur buyer's license under IC 14-22-19-3.

(b) A fur buyer's license must be obtained under this section before a person engages in the business of buying furbearing mammals, river otters, badgers, and bobcats or the untanned hides, skins, or furs of furbearing mammals, river otters, badgers, and bobcats in Indiana.

(c) A person shall make application for a license under this section on a departmental form.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a licensed fur buyer may possess the carcasses and untanned hides of:

- (1) furbearing mammals;
- (2) river otters;
- (3) badgers; and
- (4) bobcats;

that are lawfully taken until June 30 of the year the license expires.

(e) A licensed fur buyer must do the following:

(1) Not possess the carcass or untanned hide or any part of a bobcat or badger unless the carcass, untanned hide, or part was lawfully acquired outside Indiana.

(2) Document the date and method of lawful acquisition of each untanned hide or carcass of a bobcat and badger by obtaining from the seller a legible copy of any:

- (A) tag;
- (B) receipt;
- (C) hunting license;
- (D) trapping license;
- (E) permit; or
- (F) other appropriate record;

from the state or country where the animal, including any part or portion of the animal, was acquired.

(3) Record the date and method of lawful acquisition of each untanned hide or carcass of a wild animal other than a bobcat and badger.

(f) A licensed fur buyer may possess a carcass or untanned hide after June 30 of the year the license expires upon the submission of a signed report to the department by June 30 identifying the species, number, and location of furs or carcasses kept.

(g) A licensed fur buyer must issue a valid, dated receipt for any wild animal that is sold, traded, bartered, or gifted. The receipt must include the following information:

- (1) The fur buyer's license number.
- (2) The buyer's and the seller's names and addresses.
- (3) The:

- (A) number; and
  - (B) species;
- of animals sold.

(h) A conservation officer may, at any reasonable time, inspect the records, hides, and carcasses of wild animals possessed by a licensed fur buyer.