

Taxidermy Licenses

IC 14-22-21 Chapter 21. Taxidermist License

IC 14-22-21-1 "Taxidermist" defined

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "taxidermist" means a person who receives wild animals or parts of wild animals for the purpose of performing taxidermy service for any other person.

IC 14-22-21-2 Issuance; fee

Sec. 2. The department may, under rules adopted under IC 4-22-2, issue to a person, upon payment of a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15), a license to possess for taxidermy purposes a wild animal or the hide or skin of a wild animal:

- (1) protected by Indiana law; and
- (2) during the closed season for the animal.

IC 14-22-21-3 Expiration

Sec. 3. A taxidermist license expires December 31 after the date of issue.

IC 14-22-21-4 Possession of wild animals for taxidermy purposes

Sec. 4. A person may:

- (1) without a license; and
- (2) for taxidermy purposes;

possess a wild animal not protected by Indiana law.

IC 14-22-21-5 Possession of mounted wild animals

Sec. 5. A person may possess at any time a wild animal legally taken in open season and mounted.

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Affected: IC 4-21.5; IC 14-22

Sec. 5. (a) A license is required under this section for an individual who performs taxidermy services on a wild animal for another person.

(b) An application for a taxidermist license shall be completed on a departmental form.

(c) A license holder must maintain accurate records, on a calendar year basis, showing the names and addresses of persons from or to whom wild animals were received or delivered. The records shall:

(1) include the:

- (A) species and numbers of wild animals; and
- (B) dates of receipt and delivery; and

(2) be retained at the premises of the license holder for at least two (2) years after the end of the license year.

A copy of the records must be provided to a conservation officer upon request.

(d) The carcass or any part or portion of a wild animal that is delivered to a taxidermist must be tagged with the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the person making delivery to the taxidermist.

(2) The species of animal.

(3) The:

(A) date and manner; and

(B) location, including the county and state or country (if taken outside the United States), where; the animal was obtained.

(e) A taxidermist shall not remove from the carcass, except during active taxidermy operations, the tag described in subsection (d).

(f) A taxidermist may sell a lawfully acquired and mounted specimen of wild animal, where the:

(1) tag is affixed; and

(2) sale is immediately recorded in a log book.

(g) A taxidermist shall not possess a wild animal taken outside the season except under a permit obtained from the department under this subsection. A permit for a special taxidermy mount of a protected species may be granted under this subsection only to an agency or institution that engages in wildlife education or research as a primary function.

(h) Any:

(1) record, tag, log book, or other documentation required under this section; and

(2) storage or work area;

of a taxidermist shall be made available upon request for inspection by a conservation officer.

(i) A federal taxidermy permit is required to perform taxidermy work on any migratory bird except a mute swan.

(j) A license may be suspended, denied, or revoked under IC 4-21.5 if the license holder fails to comply with any of the following:

(1) A provision of a license issued under this section.

(2) IC 14-22-21.

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