

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1375

Introduced by

Representatives Kroeplin, Devlin

Senator Heitkamp

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 19 of section 20.1-02-05,
2 a new subsection to section 20.1-03-12, a new section to chapter 20.1-03, and a new section to
3 chapter 20.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to group deer hunting.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** A new subdivision to subsection 19 of section 20.1-02-05 of the 1995
6 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

7 Compensating persons who have suffered damage caused by depredation of
8 big game animals to harvested crops that are used as livestock feed. Five
9 dollars of each resident group big game hunting license fee must be placed in
10 a separate fund within the game and fish fund to carry out the purposes of this
11 subdivision. To receive compensation under this subdivision, a person must
12 notify the department as soon as practicable after the depredation occurs, to
13 allow the department to verify and assess the damage caused by the
14 depredation, and must file a claim by March thirty-first of each year with the
15 director. The director shall pay all verified claims; however, if more claims for
16 damages are received than funds are available to satisfy those claims, claims
17 must be satisfied on a pro rata basis based upon the amount of the claim.

18 **SECTION 2.** A new subsection to section 20.1-03-12 of the 1995 Supplement to the
19 North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

20 For a resident group big game hunting license, twenty-five dollars.

21 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
22 created and enacted as follows:

23 **Resident group big game hunting licenses - Provisions.** A person applying for a
24 resident group big game hunting license shall indicate at the time of application that that person

1 is applying for a group big game hunting license. The director shall indicate on the license that
2 it is a group big game hunting license.

3 **SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 20.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is
4 created and enacted as follows:

5 **Group hunting.** Any member of a group deer hunting party may take or kill a deer for
6 another member of the group deer hunting party if at the time and place of the taking or killing
7 the person for whom the deer is taken or killed possesses a valid unfilled group deer hunting
8 license that authorizes the taking or killing of that type and sex of deer. The person who takes
9 or kills a deer under this section shall ensure that a member of the group deer hunting party
10 attaches a valid tag to the deer without delay following the taking or killing. The person who
11 takes or kills the deer may not leave the deer unattended until after the deer is tagged. A group
12 may continue to hunt as a group deer hunting party provided at least twenty percent of the valid
13 group deer hunting licenses are unfilled.