

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments**

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1223

Introduced by

Representatives Nichols, Nelson, Solberg, Drovdal

Senators Heitkamp, Kinnoin

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 20.1-03-11 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to gratis and preferential landowner licenses to hunt deer.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 20.1-03-11 of the 1997
5 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 3. A resident who has executed a lease for at least one hundred sixty acres [64.75
7 hectares] of land and who actively farms or ranches that land or a person who
8 holds title to at least one hundred sixty acres [64.75 hectares] of land is eligible to
9 apply for a license to hunt deer without charge, or if that person is a nonresident
10 upon payment of the fee requirement for a nonresident big game license, upon
11 filing an affidavit describing that land. The land must be within a unit open for the
12 hunting of deer. The license must include a legal description of the eligible land
13 described in the affidavit and may be used to hunt deer only upon that land.
14 However, a person, that person's spouse, and their children who have a license
15 issued under this subsection may hunt together on land described in any of the
16 affidavits making them eligible for the license. Family members hunting together
17 under this provision shall hunt within the same unit within which the land described
18 in the affidavit making them eligible for the license is located. Upon request a
19 lessee shall provide proof that the land described in the affidavit is leased for
20 agricultural purposes. A person who is eligible for a license under this subsection
21 may transfer that eligibility for the license to a spouse or legal dependent residing
22 customarily with that person, but no more than one license may be issued under
23 this subsection for any qualifying land. A person transferring eligibility under this
24 subsection may not receive a license under this subsection for the season for

- 1 which the eligibility was transferred. If not otherwise specified in an agricultural
- 2 lease, the landowner is entitled to receive the license.