

Fifty-seventh  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1272

Introduced by

Representatives DeKrey, Weisz

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 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 1999  
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 a signed application describing that land. The land must be within a unit  
12 open for the hunting of deer. The license must include a legal description of the  
13 eligible land described in the completed application and may be used to hunt deer  
14 only upon that land; however, upon payment of the fee requirement for a resident  
15 big game license, a person who holds title to at least one hundred sixty acres  
16 [64.75 hectares] of land may hunt deer within the district or unit in which the land  
17 described in the completed application is located. A license used to hunt deer  
18 unitwide is not transferable. If a person owns land in more than one district or unit  
19 qualifying that person for a unitwide license, that person must designate the unit  
20 within which that person intends to hunt. A person who obtains a unitwide license  
21 is not eligible to receive any other license under this subsection. However, a  
22 person, that person's spouse, and their children who have a license issued under  
23 this subsection may hunt together on land described in any of the affidavits making  
24 them eligible for the license. Family members hunting together under this

1           provision shall hunt within the same unit within which the land described in the  
2           affidavit making them eligible for the license is located. Upon request, a lessee  
3           shall provide proof that the land described in the completed application is leased  
4           for agricultural purposes. A Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a  
5           person who is eligible for a license under this subsection may transfer that  
6           eligibility for the license to a spouse or legal dependent residing customarily with  
7           that person, but no more than one license may be issued under this subsection for  
8           any qualifying land. A person transferring eligibility under this subsection may not  
9           receive a license under this subsection for the season for which the eligibility was  
10          transferred. If not otherwise specified in an agricultural lease, the landowner is  
11          entitled to receive the license.