

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; and to provide an effective date.

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 six hundred forty acres [259
16 hectares] of land and who actively farms or ranches that land may participate in
17 and, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, is entitled to receive a
18 license through the lottery for deer hunting licenses. The license must be used to
19 hunt deer within the district or unit in which the land described in the completed
20 application is located. A license used to hunt deer unitwide is not transferable. If a
21 person owns land in more than one district or unit qualifying that person for a
22 unitwide license, that person must designate the unit within which that person
23 intends to hunt. A person who obtains a unitwide license through the lottery for
24 deer hunting licenses is not eligible to receive any other license under this

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

16 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on February 1, 2002.