

HOUSE BILL NO. 1440

Introduced by

Representatives Gulleeson, Amerman

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-02 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to leasing land enrolled in the conservation reserve program for game
3 and fish purposes; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 20.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Land enrolled in conservation reserve program - Leasing for game and fish**

8 **purposes.** The director shall offer to lease land enrolled in the federal conservation reserve
9 program from landowners for game and fish purposes under the following conditions:

- 10 1. Landowners must apply biennially to lease lands enrolled in the federal
11 conservation reserve program. The lease agreement must be for a two-year term.
- 12 2. Lands accepted for lease by the director under this program must be posted by the
13 landowner as open to hunting with uniform signage provided by the department.
- 14 3. The director shall select land to be leased under this program on a geographical
15 basis and shall rotate leases so that all applicants applying to enroll land in the
16 program are selected before a landowner may reapply to participate in the
17 program.
- 18 4. The annual rental consideration under this program must be three dollars per acre.

19 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the game
20 and fish fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,500,000, or so
21 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the game and fish department for the purpose of
22 leasing land enrolled in the federal conservation reserve program for game and fish purposes,
23 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005.