

**SENATE BILL NO. 2279**

Introduced by

Senators Fischer, Dever, Heitkamp

Representatives Hanson, Koppelman, Nelson

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, related to elk management.

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

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

6 **Wild elk management - Survey and responsibilities.** The department shall  
7 periodically conduct a random survey of all resident big game hunters and private landowners.  
8 The department shall design the survey to determine the best options for relocating wild elk  
9 from Theodore Roosevelt national park to other suitable areas within the state. The department  
10 shall use survey results in collaboration with other state and federal agencies and conservation  
11 organizations to create and implement a program to accept and relocate wild elk whenever  
12 deemed necessary by the national park service. The department shall create, implement, and  
13 administer the wild elk relocation program. The department shall complete the first survey to  
14 begin this process by December 31, 2003, and shall pay for the survey by utilizing necessary  
15 funds held in reserve by the department.