

Fifty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2041**

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Natural Resources Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 20.1-01-02 and a new  
2 section to chapter 20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to hunting on Indian  
3 land; and to amend and reenact sections 20.1-04-06 and 20.1-05-03 of the North Dakota  
4 Century Code, relating to transportation of game and fish taken on Indian lands.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 20.1-01-02 of the North Dakota Century  
7 Code is created and enacted as follows:

8 "Indian land" means land within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation  
9 held in trust by the federal government for the benefit of an Indian tribe or an  
10 Indian and land within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation owned in  
11 fee by an Indian tribe or an Indian.

12 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
13 created and enacted as follows:

14 **General game license not required for hunting on Indian land.** An individual  
15 hunting on Indian land pursuant to a tribal hunting license is not required to possess a state  
16 license to hunt on such land.

17 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-04-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
18 amended and reenacted as follows:

19 **20.1-04-06. Possession limit of game birds.** ~~No~~ A person may not possess, control,  
20 ship, transport, or store, can, or otherwise preserve, more than the number authorized in the  
21 governor's proclamation of any species of game bird mentioned in this chapter. However,  
22 properly tagged game birds legally taken out of state or taken on Indian land may be  
23 possessed, transported, or shipped in state.

1           **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-05-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3           **20.1-05-03. Season for taking and transporting big game - Bag limit.** A person  
4 having a big game hunting license as prescribed in this title may take, kill, and transport, during  
5 the open or lawful season, one big game animal in this state. The open or lawful season on  
6 deer and antelope begins at twelve noon central standard time and on elk, moose, and bighorn  
7 sheep begins one-half hour before sunrise on any designated Friday as established by  
8 gubernatorial proclamation in accordance with this title. This section does not prohibit the  
9 transportation, shipment, or possession within this state of properly tagged big game legally  
10 taken in other states or taken on Indian land.