

HOUSE BILL NO. 1451

Introduced by

Representatives Hunskor, DeKrey

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 and preferential landowner 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 North Dakota
5 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 open
12 for the hunting of deer. The license must include a legal description of the eligible
13 land described in the completed application and if the landowner does not post any
14 land the landowner owns or leases for agricultural purposes to prohibit hunting for
15 the deer gun hunting season may be used to hunt deer ~~only upon that land~~ within
16 the unit in which the land described in the completed application is located. A
17 landowner who posts that person's land to prohibit hunting may only hunt deer
18 upon the land described in the completed application except that if the landowner
19 is posting that person's land to protect cattle that landowner may hunt within the
20 unit in which the land described in the completed application is located. A license
21 issued under this subsection is valid for the deer bow, deer gun, and muzzleloader
22 seasons until filled. However, a person, that person's spouse, and their children
23 who have a license issued under this subsection may hunt together on land
24 described in any of the affidavits making them eligible for the license. Family

1 members hunting together under this provision shall hunt within the same unit
2 within which the land described in the affidavit making them eligible for the license
3 is located. Upon request, a lessee shall provide proof that the land described in
4 the completed application is leased for agricultural purposes. A person who is
5 eligible for a license under this subsection may transfer that eligibility for the
6 license to a spouse or legal dependent residing customarily with that person, but
7 no more than one license may be issued under this subsection for any qualifying
8 land. A person transferring eligibility under this subsection may not receive a
9 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.