

Sixtieth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1200

Introduced by

Representatives Porter, Carlisle, Dietrich, Martinson

Senators Lyson, Tollefson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new subsections to section 20.1-02-05 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to the power of the director of the game and fish department and  
3 a private land open to sportsmen program for youth and a youth hunting grant program; to  
4 amend and reenact section 20.1-02-07 and subsection 3 of section 20.1-03-12 of the North  
5 Dakota Century Code, relating to a youth program coordinator position within the game and fish  
6 department and big game hunting fees; to provide for a study; and to provide an appropriation.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Two new subsections to section 20.1-02-05 of the North Dakota Century  
9 Code are created and enacted as follows:

10 Carry out a private land open to sportsmen program for youth under age eighteen.  
11 The director may lease private land, within legislative appropriations, for youth  
12 hunting opportunities within thirty miles [48.28 kilometers] of urban areas. As used  
13 in this subsection, urban area means a city of five thousand or more in population.  
14 Youths under age sixteen hunting on land leased under the private land open to  
15 sportsmen for youth program may hunt only under the supervision of an adult  
16 family member or legal guardian who is licensed to hunt for the species of game  
17 being pursued on that land. Adults accompanying youths under this program may  
18 hunt on lands enrolled in the private land open to sportsmen program for youth.

19 Carry out a grant program to encourage hunting by youths. The director may  
20 provide grants, within legislative appropriations, to local communities to fund  
21 shooting ranges and other related activities to encourage hunting by youths.

22 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-02-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
23 amended and reenacted as follows:

**20.1-02-07. Chief game warden, district deputy game wardens, youth program**

**coordinator, biologists, and technicians - Appointment - Removal.** The director, with the governor's approval, may appoint the following permanent employees:

1. A chief game warden who shall enforce all state game and fish laws and supervise all deputy game wardens.
2. District deputy game wardens, assigned by the director, to enforce all state game and fish laws within specific appropriation limitations.
3. A youth program coordinator.
4. Biologists and technicians with specialized training and experience to perform duties specified by the director.

The appointees may be removed for cause only and in the manner specified by law.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 20.1-03-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. For a resident, age sixteen and over, big game hunting license, twenty dollars, except ~~the fee for a licensee under age sixteen is ten dollars, except~~ as provided in a gubernatorial proclamation issued pursuant to section 20.1-08-04.1.

**SECTION 4. GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT TO STUDY STATUS OF YOUTH**

**HUNTING IN NORTH DAKOTA - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.** The game and fish department shall study the status of hunting by youths in North Dakota. The study must include the status of hunting by youths and identification of programs to encourage youth to become involved in hunting and what the impact of encouraging youth to become involved in hunting will mean to the funding of game and fish programs in twenty years. The department shall report its findings to the legislative council before September 1, 2008.

**SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the game and fish fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to the game and fish department for the purpose of funding the programs listed below, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009, as follows:

Private land open to sportsmen (PLOTS) for youth	\$2,000,000
Youth grant program	200,000

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1	Youth hunting study	<u>30,000</u>
2	Total game and fish fund appropriation	\$2,230,000