

Sixtieth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1402

Introduced by

Representatives Wall, Dietrich, Kerzman, Williams

Senators Anderson, Hacker

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 20.1-02-05 and a new  
2 section to chapter 20.1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to authority of the game  
3 and fish director to issue hunting licenses to certain nonprofit organizations and to establish  
4 once-in-a-lifetime hunting opportunities for terminally ill children.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 20.1-02-05 of the North Dakota Century Code  
7 is created and enacted as follows:

8 Issue free hunting licenses to an organization that sponsors hunting trips for  
9 terminally ill children. A license issued under this subsection may be used by an  
10 individual sponsored by the organization to hunt the species indicated on the  
11 license.

12 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 20.1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
13 created and enacted as follows:

14 **Governor's proclamation concerning once-in-a-lifetime big game hunts for**  
15 **terminally ill children - Rules.** By proclamation, the governor may make available annually to  
16 an organization up to five deer licenses, two antelope licenses, one elk license, and one moose  
17 license to hunt the species indicated on the license in the manner, places, and times as the  
18 governor prescribes. The organization shall make one license available to each qualified child  
19 to hunt the species of big game indicated on the license as provided in the governor's  
20 proclamation. A qualified child receiving a license under this section must comply with hunter  
21 education requirements and, if under the age of eighteen, must be accompanied by an adult  
22 twenty-one years of age or older. The director may adopt rules to implement this section. As  
23 used in this section, "organization" means a nonprofit organization qualified under Internal  
24 Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) with the principal purpose of granting hunting and fishing

- 1 adventures for children who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness by a licensed
- 2 physician and "qualified child" means a terminally ill child who is fourteen years of age but
- 3 under twenty-one years of age, is a resident, and is sponsored by an organization that provides
- 4 to the department supporting documentation demonstrating compliance with this section.