

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED 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 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a youth
5 program coordinator position within the game and fish department; to provide for a study; and
6 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. Youths under age sixteen hunting on land leased under the
13 private land open to sportsmen for youth program may hunt only under the
14 supervision of an adult family member or legal guardian who is licensed to hunt for
15 the species of game being pursued on that land. Adults accompanying youths
16 under this program may hunt on lands enrolled in the private land open to
17 sportsmen program for youth.

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

21 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-02-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
22 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. 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 4. 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
Youth hunting study	<u>30,000</u>
Total game and fish fund appropriation	\$2,230,000