

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1499

Introduced by

Representatives Gruchalla, Griffin, Hanson, S. Kelsh, Schneider

Senator Fiebiger

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-04 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to permits for exempt training areas for gun dogs; and to amend and
3 reenact section 20.1-04-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to training of gun dogs
4 and to provide an exempt training area permit.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-04-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **20.1-04-12. When gun dogs not to be trained or permitted to run loose -**

9 **Exceptions - Penalty.** ~~No~~ A person, classified as a professional trainer, between April first
10 and July fourteenth of each year, both dates inclusive, may not train or run ~~any~~ a gun dog or
11 allow ~~any such~~ a gun dog to run loose. For purposes of this section, a professional trainer is
12 ~~any a person who~~ that trains any breed of gun dog for remuneration ~~which~~ that is the basis for
13 the person's livelihood. This section does not prohibit the running of gun dog field trials, nor
14 does this section prohibit the training of an individual's personal gun dog during that period
15 provided that:

- 16 1. Landowner permission is secured by the trainer;
- 17 2. The trainer is present;
- 18 3. ~~No native~~ Native game birds are not killed or captured; and
- 19 4. The training is not on a designated game management area or designated
20 waterfowl production area.

21 ~~Any~~ A person ~~who~~ that violates this section is guilty of a class 2 noncriminal offense.

22 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 20.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
23 created and enacted as follows:

- 1 **Gun dog training area - Permit.** Notwithstanding section 20.1-04-12, a professional
2 trainer may apply to and obtain from the department a permit designating a specific training
3 area, not to exceed forty acres [16.19 hectares], as an exempt training area.
- 4 1. In the exempt training area, a professional trainer may train or run any gun dog or
5 allow the gun dog to run loose at any time.
- 6 2. The fee for the permit may not exceed ten dollars per year.