

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Senate Amendments**

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 or a person who is  
10 required to be licensed as a nonresident amateur trainer, between April first and July ~~fourteenth~~  
11 ~~twenty-second~~ of each year, both dates inclusive, may not train or run ~~any~~ a gun dog or allow  
12 ~~any such a gun~~ dog to run loose. For purposes of this section, a professional trainer is ~~any a~~  
13 person ~~who~~ that trains any breed of gun dog for remuneration ~~which~~ that is the basis for the  
14 person's livelihood. This section does not prohibit the running of gun dog field trials, nor does  
15 this section prohibit the training of an individual's personal gun dog during that period provided  
16 that:

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

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

23 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 20.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
24 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.