

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO.**

Introduced by

Senator Olafson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-05 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the hunting of big game with the aid of bait; and to provide a penalty.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 20.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Hunting big game with the aid of bait prohibited - Penalty.** Except for organized  
7 hunts for the disabled permitted and conducted in a manner authorized by the director, an  
8 individual may not hunt big game with the aid of bait. For purposes of this section, an individual  
9 who is hunting big game and who knows of, or should have known of, the presence of bait, is  
10 deemed to be hunting with the aid of bait. An individual who provides services for big game  
11 hunting for a fee, and who has placed bait, is deemed to be hunting big game with the aid of  
12 bait. Using bait includes hunting big game from a tree stand, ground blind, vehicle, or  
13 stationary hiding place in the vicinity of bait. Using bait does not include hunting by walking or  
14 flushing big game in the vicinity of bait. An individual who is hunting on property that is adjacent  
15 to property where bait is present is not in violation of this section if the individual has not  
16 participated in, been involved with, or agreed to the placement of bait on the adjacent property.  
17 An area is considered baited for ten days after the complete removal of the bait. As used in this  
18 section, bait includes grain, seed, mineral, salt, fruit, vegetable, nut, hay, or any other natural or  
19 manufactured food placed by an individual. Bait does not include agricultural practices;  
20 gardens; wildlife food plots; agricultural crops; livestock feeds; fruit or vegetables in their natural  
21 location, such as apples under or on an apple tree; or unharvested fruit or vegetables in a  
22 garden. An individual who willfully violates this section is guilty of a class B misdemeanor for  
23 the first offense and a class A misdemeanor for a subsequent offense.