

Sixty-second
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1180

Introduced by

Representatives Drovdal, Schatz

Senator Nodland

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 7 of section 20.1-03-11 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to landowner preference licenses to hunt elk.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 20.1-03-11 of the North Dakota
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 7. A resident who has executed a lease for at least one hundred sixty acres [64.75
7 hectares] of land and who actively farms or ranches that land or a resident who holds
8 title to at least one hundred sixty acres [64.75 hectares] of land is eligible to apply for a
9 license to hunt elk upon filing a signed application describing that land and payment of
10 the fee requirement for a resident big game license. The land must be within a unit
11 open for the hunting of elk. The license must include a legal description of the eligible
12 land described in the completed application and may be used to hunt elk within the
13 district or unit in which the land described in the completed application is located.
14 Upon request, a lessee shall provide proof that the land described in the completed
15 application is leased for agricultural purposes. A resident who is eligible for a license
16 under this subsection may transfer that eligibility for the license to a spouse or legal
17 dependent residing customarily with the resident, but no more than one license may
18 be issued under this subsection for any qualifying land. If not otherwise specified in an
19 agricultural lease, the landowner is entitled to receive the license. The governor's
20 proclamation may restrict the districts or units for which preferential licenses may be
21 issued under this subsection. ~~However, the governor shall give primary consideration~~
22 ~~to allowing preferential licenses under this subsection to be issued to persons owning~~
23 ~~or leasing land in the following areas: that portion of township one hundred forty-seven~~
24 ~~north, range ninety-five west which is north and west of state highway 22; township~~

one hundred forty-six north, range ninety-six west; township one hundred forty-seven north, range ninety-six west; township one hundred forty-eight north, range ninety-six west; township one hundred forty-six north, range ninety-seven west; township one hundred forty-seven north, range ninety-seven west; and township one hundred forty-eight north, range ninety-seven west of the fifth principal meridian, in Dunn County; the west one-half of township one hundred forty-nine north, range ninety-five west; township one hundred forty-nine north, range ninety-six west; and township one hundred forty-nine north, range ninety-seven west of the fifth principal meridian, in McKenzie County; and other areas within a district or unit open for hunting of elk as prescribed in the governor's proclamation. The number of licenses issued under this subsection for each designated district or unit for hunting elk may not exceed fifteen percent of the total licenses prescribed in the governor's proclamation for each district or unit. If the number of applications for licenses to be issued under this subsection in a district or unit exceeds the maximum number of such licenses allocated to that district or unit, the licenses to be issued must be issued by weighted lottery as prescribed in the governor's proclamation. A person who receives a license under this subsection is eligible to participate in a weighted lottery with other landowners who have received licenses under this section. The director shall issue any licenses not issued to an individual who has not previously received a license under this section to individuals who have received a license under this section in a weighted lottery giving preference each year to those individuals who have not received a second license. Licenses to hunt elk may not be issued under this subsection when the total number of licenses prescribed in the governor's proclamation is lessfewer than twenty. If a person receives a license under this subsection, the person's spouse, children, and parents living with the person are not eligible to receive a license under this subsection for the district or unit in which the land described in the completed application is located, unless the person has sold or otherwise transferred the person's rights to the land described in the completed application. The director may issue special elk depredation management licenses to landowners in designated areas around Theodore Roosevelt national park upon payment of the fee requirement for a resident big game license. The provisions of this section governing the number of licenses issued for each

1 designated district or unit for hunting elk do not apply to special elk depredation
2 management licenses and a person who receives such a license under this subsection
3 is eligible to apply for a license to hunt elk in future years and is eligible to participate
4 in the raffle under section 20.1-08-04.6. An individual who has been convicted of
5 illegally taking a moose, elk, or bighorn sheep is not eligible to apply for or receive a
6 license under this subsection.