

Introduced by

Representative Carlson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-03-17 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to appointment of agents and use of out-of-state vendors by county auditors to sell
3 game and fish licenses.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-03-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **20.1-03-17. Issuance of licenses - Who to issue - County auditor may appoint**
8 **agents to receive service fees - Disposition of proceeds.** All hunting, fur-bearer, fishing,
9 and taxidermists' licenses must be issued by county auditors, the director, deputy director, and
10 bonded game wardens. The deputy director and each bonded game warden shall send the
11 director all license fees. For each license the county auditor issues, the county auditor shall
12 collect the authorized charges and record them in the county auditor's record of cash received.
13 The county auditor shall retain, as compensation, twenty-five cents for the issuance of each of
14 the first one thousand resident hunting, fishing, or fur-bearer licenses issued each year and
15 fifteen cents for the issuance of each resident hunting, fishing, or fur-bearer license issued in
16 excess of the first one thousand licenses issued each year; one dollar for the issuance of each
17 nonresident hunting or fur-bearer license; twenty-five cents for the issuance of each
18 nonresident fishing license; and ten cents for the issuance of each nonresident general game
19 license.

20 The county auditor may appoint agents to distribute hunting and fishing licenses or
21 stamps. However, a county auditor may not provide hunting licenses to agents located outside
22 this state. The county auditor may require agents to show evidence of adequate financial
23 security before the agents are appointed. Adequate financial security may be evidenced by a
24 letter of credit, cash deposit, or bond. Agents may be bonded through the state bonding fund.

1 The agents may charge purchasers a service fee of fifty cents for each license. Service fees
2 may be retained by the agent. The remainder of the license fees must be returned to the
3 county auditor, for deposit with the county treasurer, at least once each month, and not later
4 than three days after the close of the month. Notwithstanding section 26.1-21-11, if a claim
5 against the state bonding fund is not filed within sixty days of the expiration of the reporting
6 period provided in this section, the claim is waived. Deposits are to be accompanied by a
7 report showing the amounts received from the sale of each type of license, the amount
8 retained, and the net amounts deposited. The county treasurer shall credit the fees so
9 deposited to a separate account and shall hold the fees, subject to warrant for payment thereof
10 drawn by the county auditor in favor of the director. The director shall deposit all license or
11 stamp fees received with the state treasurer to be credited to the game and fish fund.