

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1405

Introduced by

Representatives Svedjan, Carlson, Henegar

Senators St. Aubyn, Traynor

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 20.1-12-05, 20.1-12-06, and 20.1-12-07 of the
2 North Dakota Century Code, relating to the operation of private shooting preserves; and to
3 repeal section 20.1-12-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to harvest of game
4 birds on private shooting preserves.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-12-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **20.1-12-05. Operation of shooting preserve - Season - Search of premises**

9 **permitted.** Any guest of a shooting preserve operator, ~~in possession of a general game~~
10 ~~license,~~ may harvest any game bird within the defined limits of the shooting preserve, subject to
11 this chapter. The shooting preserve operator may establish that person's own restrictions on
12 the age, sex, and number of each game bird that may be taken by each guest, and the fee to
13 be paid by each guest. The exterior boundaries of each shooting preserve must be clearly
14 defined and posted with signs erected around the extremity at intervals of three hundred feet
15 [91.44 meters] or less. Each shooting preserve operator and that person's guest shall comply
16 with and be subject to chapter 20.1-01. Shooting preserve operators may restrict or set the
17 hours during which game birds may be hunted, subject to gubernatorial proclamation. The
18 season for shooting preserves may be all or part of the ~~seven-month~~ nine-month period
19 beginning ~~September~~ August first and ending ~~March thirty-first~~ April thirtieth of the following
20 year. All permits must be issued upon the express condition that the permittee agrees that any
21 law enforcement officer or any representative of the director may enter and search the premises
22 or any part thereof at any reasonable time to ensure compliance with state laws and the
23 director's rules.

1 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-12-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3 **20.1-12-06. Game birds to be tagged.** Each shooting preserve operator shall tag all
4 game birds harvested by guests before the birds are consumed or removed from the shooting
5 preserve premises. ~~The tags must distinguish between birds released by the shooting preserve~~
6 ~~operator, and wild birds. Tags must be numbered consecutively, dated by year of issuance,~~
7 ~~and must be self-sealing.~~ The director shall provide tags to shooting preserve operators, at
8 nominal cost to them. Once affixed, tags must remain attached until the game birds are
9 prepared for consumption.

10 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-12-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
11 amended and reenacted as follows:

12 **20.1-12-07. Guest register and records to be maintained.** Each shooting preserve
13 operator shall maintain a guest register listing the guest's name and address, ~~the number of~~
14 ~~that person's North Dakota general game license,~~ the date on which the guest hunted, the
15 number of game birds and species taken ~~and their tag numbers,~~ with wild birds and operator
16 released birds listed separately. A record must also be maintained by each shooting preserve
17 operator of the source of game released in the operator's preserve, the date of release, and the
18 number and kind of game bird or species released. The records required by this section must
19 be open for inspection by the director, the director's representative, or any law enforcement
20 officer at any reasonable time.

21 **SECTION 4. REPEAL.** Section 20.1-12-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
22 repealed.