

Fifty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1223

Introduced by

Representatives Nichols, Nelson, Solberg, Drovdal

Senators Heitkamp, Kinnoin

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 20.1-03-11 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to gratis and preferential landowner licenses to hunt deer.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 20.1-03-11 of the 1997  
5 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 3. 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 person who  
8 holds title to at least one hundred sixty acres [64.75 hectares] of land is eligible to  
9 apply for a license to hunt deer without charge, or if that person is a nonresident  
10 upon payment of the fee requirement for a nonresident big game license, upon  
11 filing an affidavit describing that land. The land must be within a unit open for the  
12 hunting of deer. The license must include a legal description of the eligible land  
13 described in the affidavit and may be used to hunt deer only upon that land.  
14 However, a person, that person's spouse, and their children who have a license  
15 issued under this subsection may hunt together within a twenty-five mile  
16 [40.23-kilometer] radius of the land described in any of the affidavits making them  
17 eligible for the license. Upon request a lessee shall provide proof that the land  
18 described in the affidavit is leased for agricultural purposes. A person who is  
19 eligible for a license under this subsection may transfer that eligibility for the  
20 license to a spouse or legal dependent residing customarily with that person, but  
21 no more than one license may be issued under this subsection for any qualifying  
22 land. A person transferring eligibility under this subsection may not receive a  
23 license under this subsection for the season for which the eligibility was

- 1 transferred. If not otherwise specified in an agricultural lease, the landowner is
- 2 entitled to receive the license.