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Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly   **SENATE BILL NO. 2228**
of North Dakota

Introduced by

    Senators O'Connell, Christmann, Mutch

    Representatives Froseth, Rose, Tollefson

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. <u>A

14   lessee and landowner may hunt together on land described in the affidavit making

15   one of them eligible for the license.</u> Upon request a lessee shall provide proof that

16   the land described in the affidavit is leased for agricultural purposes. A person who

17   is eligible for a license under this subsection may transfer that eligibility for the

18   license to a spouse or legal dependent residing customarily with that person, but

19   no more than one license may be issued under this subsection for any qualifying

20   land. A person transferring eligibility under this subsection may not receive a

21   license under this subsection for the season for which the eligibility was

22   transferred. If not otherwise specified in an agricultural lease, the landowner is

23   entitled to receive the license.