

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1257**

Introduced by

Representatives Delzer, DeKrey, Rennerfeldt

Senator Freborg

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 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 1999  
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 a signed application describing that land. The land must be within a unit open  
12 for the hunting of deer. The license must include a legal description of the eligible  
13 land described in the completed application and may be used to hunt deer only  
14 upon that land. However, a person, that person's spouse, and their children who  
15 have a license issued under this subsection may hunt together on land described  
16 in any of the affidavits making them eligible for the license. Family members  
17 hunting together under this provision shall hunt within the same unit within which  
18 the land described in the affidavit making them eligible for the license is located.  
19 Upon request, a lessee shall provide proof that the land described in the completed  
20 application is leased for agricultural purposes. A person who is eligible for a  
21 license under this subsection may transfer that eligibility for the license to ~~a spouse~~  
22 ~~or legal dependent residing customarily with that person~~ an immediate family  
23 member, but no more than one license may be issued under this subsection for  
24 any qualifying land. A person transferring eligibility under this subsection may not

1                    receive a license under this subsection for the season for which the eligibility was  
2                    transferred. If not otherwise specified in an agricultural lease, the landowner is  
3                    entitled to receive the license.