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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1272

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- 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.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 20.1-03-11 of the 1999 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
 - A resident who has executed a lease for at least one hundred sixty acres [64.75 hectares] of land and who actively farms or ranches that land or a person who holds title to at least one hundred sixty acres [64.75 hectares] of land is eligible to apply for a license to hunt deer without charge, or if that person is a nonresident upon payment of the fee requirement for a nonresident big game license, upon filing a signed application describing that land. The land must be within a unit open for the hunting of deer. The license must include a legal description of the eligible land described in the completed application and may be used to hunt deer only upon that land; however, upon payment of the fee requirement for a resident big game license, a person who holds title to at least one hundred sixty acres [64.75 hectares] of land may hunt deer within the district or unit in which the land described in the completed application is located. A license used to hunt deer unitwide is not transferable. If a person owns land in more than one district or unit qualifying that person for a unitwide license, that person must designate the unit within which that person intends to hunt. A person who obtains a unitwide license is not eligible to receive any other license under this subsection. However, a person, that person's spouse, and their children who have a license issued under this subsection may hunt together on land described in any of the affidavits making them eligible for the license. Family members hunting together under this

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provision shall hunt within the same unit within which the land described in the affidavit making them eligible for the license is located. Upon request, a lessee shall provide proof that the land described in the completed application is leased for agricultural purposes. A Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person who is eligible for a license under this subsection may transfer that eligibility for the license to a spouse or legal dependent residing customarily with that person, but no more than one license may be issued under this subsection for any qualifying land. A person transferring eligibility under this subsection may not receive a license under this subsection for the season for which the eligibility was transferred. If not otherwise specified in an agricultural lease, the landowner is entitled to receive the license.