

HOUSE BILL NO. 1050

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Judiciary B Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact sections 20.1-03-36.1, 20.1-03-36.2, 20.1-03-38,
2 20.1-03-39, and 20.1-03-40 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the licensing of
3 guides and outfitters; to amend and reenact sections 20.1-01-02, 20.1-02-05, 20.1-03-11.2,
4 20.1-03-12, 20.1-03-36, and 20.1-03-37 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to guides
5 and outfitters; to provide a penalty; and to provide an effective date.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-01-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **20.1-01-02. Definitions.** In this title, unless the context or ~~subject matter~~ otherwise
10 requires:

- 11 1. "Afield" means being away from one's home or camp. The term does not include
12 driving or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle in violation of section
13 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance.
- 14 2. "Any part thereof" or "the parts thereof" includes the hide, horns, or hoofs of any
15 animal specified and the plumage, skin, and every other part of any bird specified.
- 16 3. "Associated equipment" means:
 - 17 a. Any system, part, or component of a boat as originally manufactured or any
18 similar part or component manufactured or sold for replacement, repair, or
19 improvement of such system, part, or component;
 - 20 b. Any accessory or equipment for, or appurtenance to, a boat; and
 - 21 c. Any marine safety article, accessory, or equipment intended for use by a
22 person on board a boat; but
 - 23 d. Excluding radio equipment.
- 24 4. "Big game" means deer, moose, elk, bighorn sheep, mountain goats, and antelope.

- 1 5. "Boat" means any vessel:
- 2 a. Manufactured or used primarily for noncommercial use;
- 3 b. Leased, rented, or chartered to another for the latter's noncommercial use; or
- 4 c. Engaged in the carrying of six or fewer passengers.
- 5 6. "Confiscate" or "confiscated" means to hold subject to the order of a court of
- 6 competent jurisdiction.
- 7 7. "Department" means the game and fish department.
- 8 8. "Deputy director" means the deputy director of the department.
- 9 9. "Director" means the director of the department.
- 10 10. "Endangered species" means any species whose prospects of survival or
- 11 recruitment within the state are in jeopardy due to any of the following factors:
- 12 a. The destruction, drastic modification, or severe curtailment of its habitat.
- 13 b. Its overutilization for scientific, commercial, or sporting purposes.
- 14 c. The effect on it of disease, pollution, or predation.
- 15 d. Other natural or manmade factors affecting its prospects of survival or
- 16 recruitment within the state.
- 17 e. Any combination of the foregoing factors.
- 18 The term also includes any species classified as endangered pursuant to the
- 19 Endangered Species Act of 1973, Public Law 93-205.
- 20 11. "Established road or trail" means any public highway or road, improved or
- 21 otherwise, dedicated for public ingress or egress, or any other road or trail normally
- 22 used for travel but does not include temporary trails across cultivated land used for
- 23 agricultural purposes.
- 24 12. "Fur-bearers" includes mink, muskrats, weasels, wolverines, otters, martens,
- 25 fishers, kit or swift foxes, beavers, raccoons, badgers, wolves, coyotes, bobcats,
- 26 lynx, mountain lions, black bears, and red or gray foxes.
- 27 13. "Game birds" includes all varieties of geese, brant, swans, ducks, plovers, snipes,
- 28 woodcocks, grouse, sagehens, pheasants, Hungarian partridges, quails,
- 29 partridges, cranes, rails, coots, wild turkeys, mourning doves, and crows.
- 30 14. "Guide" ~~or "outfitter"~~ means any resident individual who holds that person out to
- 31 ~~the public as a guide or outfitter, and who provides, for compensation,~~

1 ~~transportation, equipment, arrangement of lodging, or that person's own or~~
2 ~~another's personal services for the primary purpose of assisting a person or~~
3 ~~persons to locate or catch fish or to locate, pursue, or hunt small game, big game,~~
4 ~~or fur bearers. Nonresidents are not entitled to act as guides or outfitters in this~~
5 ~~state~~ is employed by a licensed outfitter to furnish personal services for the
6 conduct of outdoor recreational activities directly related to the conduct of activities
7 for which the employing outfitter is licensed.

- 8 15. "Gun dogs" includes any dog used to hunt protected wildlife.
- 9 16. "Harmful wild birds" includes blackbirds, magpies, English sparrows, and starlings.
- 10 17. "Harmless wild birds" includes all wild birds not defined herein as "harmful wild
11 birds" or "game birds".
- 12 18. "Hunt" or "hunting" means shooting, shooting at, pursuing, taking, attempting to
13 take, or killing any game animals and game birds; searching for or attempting to
14 locate or flush any game animals and game birds; luring, calling, or attempting to
15 attract game animals and game birds; hiding for the purpose of taking or
16 attempting to take game animals and game birds; and walking, crawling, or
17 advancing toward wildlife while possessing implements or equipment useful in the
18 taking of game animals or game birds. The term does not include possessing or
19 using photographic equipment.
- 20 19. "Manufacturer" means any person engaged in:
- 21 a. The manufacture, construction, or assembly of boats or associated
22 equipment.
- 23 b. The manufacture or construction of components for boats and associated
24 equipment to be sold for subsequent assembly.
- 25 c. The importation into the state for sale of boats, associated equipment, or
26 components thereof.
- 27 20. "Motorboat" means any vessel propelled by machinery, whether or not the
28 machinery is the principal source of propulsion. The term does not include a
29 vessel having a valid marine document issued by the bureau of customs of the
30 United States government or any federal agency successor thereto.

- 1 21. "Motor-driven vehicle" means any land vehicle, with or without wheels, that is
2 propelled by any motor.
- 3 22. "Operate" means to navigate or otherwise use a motorboat or a vessel.
- 4 23. "Outfitter" means a person who, while engaging in any of the acts enumerated in
5 this subsection in any manner, advises or otherwise holds that person out to the
6 public for hire; provides facilities or services for consideration; and maintains,
7 leases, or otherwise uses equipment or accommodations for compensation for the
8 conduct of outdoor recreational activities, including hunting animals or birds and
9 fishing on lakes, reservoirs, rivers, and streams. An outfitter may act as a guide.
- 10 24. "Owner" means a person, other than a lienholder, having the property in or title to a
11 motorboat. The term includes a person entitled to the use or possession of a
12 motorboat subject to an interest in another person, reserved or created by
13 agreement and securing payment or performance of an obligation, but the term
14 excludes a lessee under a lease not intended as security.
- 15 ~~24.~~ 25. "Passenger" means every person carried on board a vessel other than:
16 a. The owner or the owner's representative.
17 b. The operator.
18 c. Bona fide members of the crew engaged in the business of the vessel who
19 have contributed no consideration for their carriage and who are paid for their
20 services.
21 d. Any guest on board a vessel which is being used exclusively for pleasure
22 purposes who has not contributed any consideration, directly or indirectly, for
23 that person's carriage.
- 24 ~~25.~~ 26. "Person" includes every partnership, association, corporation, and limited liability
25 company. No violation of this title may be excused because it was done as the
26 agent or employee of another, nor because it was committed by or through an
27 agent or employee of the person charged.
- 28 ~~26.~~ 27. "Personal watercraft" means a motorboat that is powered by an inboard motor
29 powering a water jet pump or by an inboard or outboard marine engine and which
30 is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing, or kneeling on the craft,
31 rather than in a conventional manner of sitting or standing inside a motorboat.

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- 1 ~~27.~~ 28. "Possession" means control, actual possession, and constructive possession of the
2 article or thing specified.
- 3 ~~28.~~ 29. "Private fish hatchery" means a body of water, whether natural or artificial, and any
4 other facilities used, maintained, or operated by any private person, firm,
5 corporation, or limited liability company for the propagation and production of fish
6 for sale or planting in other waters. Except in the case of trout, walleye, northern
7 pike, and crappie, which may be raised in a private fish hatchery without the
8 director's approval, the director may, by rule, regulate the species of fish which
9 may be raised in a private fish hatchery. No waters stocked by any state or federal
10 governmental agency may be considered a private fish hatchery.
- 11 ~~29.~~ 30. "Public waters" means waters to which the general public has a right to access.
- 12 ~~30.~~ 31. "Resident" means any person who has actually lived within this state or maintained
13 that person's home therein for at least six months immediately preceding the date
14 that residence is to be determined. A "nonresident" is any person who has not
15 done so.
- 16 ~~31.~~ 32. "Resident species" means any species nearly all of whose individuals in this state
17 are located within this state for at least three-fourths of annual cycle of the species.
- 18 ~~32.~~ 33. "Retrieve" means to have taken possession and made ready for transportation.
- 19 ~~33.~~ 34. "Sell" and "sale" means any sale or offer to sell, or possession with intent to sell,
20 use, or dispose of, the article or thing specified, contrary to law.
- 21 ~~34.~~ 35. "Shooting preserve" or "preserve" means any privately owned or leased acreage
22 [hectarage] on which hatchery-raised game birds are released to be hunted for a
23 fee over an extended season.
- 24 ~~35.~~ 36. "Sinkbox" or "sunken device" means a raft or any type of low floating device having
25 a depression that affords a hunter a means of concealing that person below the
26 surface of the water.
- 27 ~~36.~~ 37. "Slow or no wake speed" means the slowest possible speed necessary to maintain
28 steerage.
- 29 ~~37.~~ 38. "Small game" includes all game birds and tree squirrels.

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- 1 3. Accept from any person, or gather, or purchase, fish, spawn, or fry, for distribution
2 in state waters.
- 3 4. Take alive at any time, under the director's personal supervision or under the
4 personal supervision of any of the director's bonded appointees, any birds or
5 animals for propagation purposes or for exchange with other states and foreign
6 countries for game birds and animals of other species.
- 7 5. Order additional protection for any fish with an open season when, after
8 investigation, the director finds danger of extinction, undue depletion in any waters,
9 or to aid in the propagation and protection of immature fish, by prescribing how,
10 how many, where, and when the fish may be taken. The orders have the force of
11 law.
- 12 6. Take or cause to be taken at any time from any state public waters any suckers,
13 carp, or pickerel.
- 14 7. With the governor's approval, purchase, lease, or condemn real estate, when it is
15 required to carry out this title, and sell it when it is no longer required, in the name
16 of the state.
- 17 8. Lease up to ninety-nine years any department land, for the purpose of
18 development and improvement, to any nonprofit corporation, upon consideration of
19 specified improvements to be made by the corporation and other improvements the
20 department and the corporation may agree upon. The lease must provide that all
21 funds received by the corporation through lease of the property be expended upon
22 the leased premises for development and improvements. The corporation has the
23 authority, subject to approval by the director, to sublease the premises for cabin
24 sites and other recreational purposes. Upon termination of the lease, the leased
25 property, together with all improvements, reverts to the department.
- 26 9. With the governor's approval, enter ~~into~~ agreements with the bureau of reclamation
27 for the management of lands in the Heart Butte area acquired by the bureau for the
28 construction of dams on lakes or streams. Revenues derived from the
29 management of these lands or received from any federal agency for expenditure
30 upon these lands may not be commingled with other game and fish funds, but must
31 be deposited by the director in a separate account. These funds are hereby

- 1 appropriated for expenditure for purposes as may be agreed upon by the bureau of
2 reclamation, the United States fish and wildlife service, the national park service,
3 and the director. The authority ~~herein~~ granted by this subsection is effective only
4 until the lands are resold to the former landowners by the bureau of reclamation.
- 5 10. Secure specimens of game birds, animals, and fish for breeding purposes by
6 purchase or otherwise and by exchange with the game commissions or state game
7 wardens of other states or countries.
- 8 11. Issue special permits to shoot wildlife from a stationary motor vehicle upon
9 application from individuals who are physically unable to walk for purposes of
10 hunting or taking wildlife or who have lost the use of an arm at or below the elbow.
11 The application must be accompanied by a physician's statement verifying the
12 person's condition, and if used to hunt on lands controlled by the board of
13 university and school lands, must designate the land on which the individual
14 intends to hunt. The permittee must have permission from the lessee and the
15 commissioner of university and school lands to hunt on lands controlled by the
16 board of university and school lands. A permit issued under this subsection allows
17 the permittee to drive, or to be driven, onto any land for the purposes of hunting
18 wildlife, except that neither any other passenger within the vehicle nor the driver, if
19 someone other than the permittee, may be a hunter, unless the other person is
20 also a permittee. Provided, however, that if the land is privately owned and if the
21 permittee is not going to drive or be driven along an established road or trail, the
22 permittee must first obtain the consent of the owner or lessee to hunt on the land in
23 the manner provided in this title.
- 24 12. Issue to any ~~person~~ individual, who is a paraplegic or who has lost the use of one
25 or both arms, a special permit to hunt game with a crossbow if that ~~person~~
26 individual otherwise complies with and qualifies under the licensing and other
27 provisions of this title.
- 28 13. Issue any resident license prescribed by this title to ~~a person~~ an individual who has
29 come to the state with a bona fide intention of becoming a resident, even though
30 that ~~person~~ individual has not been a resident of this state for the required time
31 period immediately preceding the application for the license, or to any ~~person~~

1 individual who is a member of the United States armed forces and who is within
2 the state on duty or leave, or to any employee of the United States fish and wildlife
3 service or the conservation department of any state or province of Canada in the
4 state to advise or consult with the department. No license may be issued under
5 this subsection unless an affidavit of a bona fide resident, setting forth the actual
6 conditions, accompanies the application. This subsection does not apply to lottery
7 permits, except that the director shall issue a resident deer hunting license to any
8 resident of this state who is a member of the United States armed forces stationed
9 outside this state and who shows proof of North Dakota residence and who pays
10 the appropriate licensing fee. A deer license issued to a member of the United
11 States armed forces under this subsection must be issued without being subject to
12 the lottery for deer hunting licenses.

13 14. Adopt rules, and issue permits for the transporting or introducing of fish, fish eggs,
14 small game, big game, or fur-bearers after determining that the fish, fish eggs,
15 birds, or animals have been properly inspected for disease, and that the
16 transplanting or introduction will be in compliance with state laws and rules. No
17 person may transplant or introduce any fish or fish eggs into any of the public
18 waters of this state, or transplant or introduce any species of small game, big
19 game, or fur-bearers into this state without obtaining a permit from the director.

20 15. Pursuant to section 4-01-17.1, cooperate with the agriculture commissioner, the
21 United States fish and wildlife service, and other agencies in the destruction of
22 predatory animals, destructive birds, and injurious field rodents. The director ~~is~~
23 ~~hereby authorized to~~ may adopt rules in accordance with organized and systematic
24 plans of the department of the interior for the destruction of these birds and
25 animals. The director may determine the necessity and issue permits and rules
26 and regulations therefor for the operation and use of private aircraft to assist in the
27 destruction of the above birds and animals and aid in the administration or
28 protection of land, water, wildlife, livestock, domesticated animals, human life, or
29 crops.

30 16. Exercise authority to establish programs and rules and administer state and federal
31 funds provided to the state for the preservation and management of resident

1 species determined by the director to be threatened or endangered species of
2 wildlife. The authority exercised must be in compliance with the Endangered
3 Species Act of 1973, Public Law 93-205. Any person who violates rules
4 established adopted under this subsection is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

5 17. ~~Subject to chapter 28-32, adopt rules for the licensing of guides or outfitters and~~
6 ~~may require records and reports as the director determines necessary. The~~
7 ~~director may, after due hearing as provided in chapter 28-32, revoke or refuse to~~
8 ~~renew the license of a person who violates the rules or fails to provide the records~~
9 ~~and reports.~~

10 48. Provide for the funding of a private land habitat and access improvement program
11 with moneys derived from the interest earned on the game and fish fund and
12 habitat restoration stamp fees. The director shall place these funds in a special
13 fund called the "game and fish department private land habitat and access
14 improvement fund".

15 49. 18. Carry out a private land habitat and access improvement program by:
16 a. Entering ~~into~~ cost-sharing, habitat enhancement, and access agreements with
17 landowners or agencies working on private land to help defray all or a portion
18 of their share of local, state, or federally sponsored conservation practices
19 considered beneficial to fish and wildlife.
20 b. Leasing and developing fish and wildlife habitat or sport fishing areas on
21 private land. Public access to leased land may not be prohibited.
22 c. Carrying out practices that will alleviate depredations caused by predatory
23 animals and big game animals.
24 d. Publishing a brochure on an annual basis describing areas funded from the
25 game and fish department private land habitat and access improvement fund
26 which are open to public access in this state.
27 e. Receiving advice from the game and fish advisory board concerning
28 expenditures from the game and fish private land habitat and access
29 improvement fund.

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- 1 ~~20.~~ 19. Subject to prior approval of the attorney general, lease or exchange lands under
2 the director's jurisdiction or control which are deemed necessary for the improved
3 management of wildlife resources.
- 4 ~~24.~~ 20. Subject to prior approval of the attorney general, impose any conditions or
5 reservations to the leases or exchanges as the director determines necessary.
- 6 ~~22.~~ 21. Adopt rules and issue permits for conducting fishing contests involving public
7 waters of the state. The director by rule shall define the term "fishing contest" and
8 shall set criteria for which a fishing contest permit is required. The director may
9 deny permits. No person may conduct a fishing contest on public waters without
10 first receiving a permit issued by the director.
- 11 ~~23.~~ 22. Issue duplicates of lost or destroyed game and fish licenses or permits. The
12 procedure for reissuing the licenses or permits and fees to be charged must be
13 prescribed by the director by rule.
- 14 ~~24.~~ 23. Establish noncriminal penalties for any rules adopted by the director. The
15 maximum noncriminal penalty that may be set by the director is a fine of two
16 hundred fifty dollars. Violation of any rule not designated as having a noncriminal
17 penalty is considered a criminal violation as established in the appropriate chapter
18 of this title.
- 19 ~~25.~~ 24. Issue, as a means of encouraging and promoting economic development in this
20 state, complimentary fishing licenses to nonresident visiting dignitaries. The
21 circumstances and conditions of complimentary fishing licenses issued must be
22 determined by the director. The number of complimentary licenses may not
23 exceed fifty licenses per year. The director shall determine the visiting dignitaries
24 to be of national or international stature before they are eligible for complimentary
25 licenses.
- 26 ~~26.~~ 25. Carry out a coyote depredation prevention program by conducting practices that
27 will alleviate depredations caused by coyotes.
- 28 ~~27.~~ 26. Issue, as a means of rewarding dedication to teaching firearm hunter safety,
29 complimentary lifetime resident certificates ~~provided under subsection 53 of~~
30 ~~section 20.1-03-12~~ and combination licenses provided under section 20.1-03-11.1
31 to resident certified hunter education volunteer instructors. Eligible persons must

1 have served as a lead or assistant certified hunter education volunteer instructor in
2 this state for a minimum of one course in each of thirty years. The license is
3 known as the "lifetime combination license" and must be signed by the director and
4 the person receiving the license. The license must be revoked by the director if the
5 license holder is convicted of a felony or found to have violated any provision of
6 this title.

7 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-03-11.2 of the North Dakota Century Code
8 is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **20.1-03-11.2. ~~Certified guides and~~ Hunting outfitters - White-tailed deer licenses -**
10 **Fees.** The governor shall make one-half of the antlered white-tailed deer licenses and permits
11 allocated to nonresidents under subsection 4 of section 20.1-03-11, up to a maximum of one
12 hundred licenses, available to ~~certified guides or~~ hunting outfitters licensed in this state. A
13 ~~certified guide or~~ hunting outfitter may not purchase or obtain more than five white-tailed deer
14 licenses under this section in any one year. A ~~certified guide or~~ hunting outfitter shall pay the
15 fee required for a white-tailed deer license sold to ~~guides or~~ outfitters and provided by them to
16 nonresidents for each license purchased under this section. A ~~certified guide or~~ hunting
17 outfitter may provide to nonresidents, for compensation, big game guiding and outfitting
18 services and one white-tailed deer license per nonresident as provided in this section to hunt
19 white-tailed deer in the manner, at the places, and during the times the governor prescribes by
20 proclamation.

21 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-03-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is
22 amended and reenacted as follows:

23 **20.1-03-12. Schedule of fees for licenses and permits.** The various license and
24 permit fees are as follows:

- 25 1. For a resident, age sixteen and over, small game hunting license, six dollars.
- 26 2. For a nonresident small game hunting license, seventy-five dollars.
- 27 3. For a resident big game hunting license, twenty dollars, except the fee for a
28 licensee under age sixteen is ten dollars, except as provided in a gubernatorial
29 proclamation issued pursuant to section 20.1-08-04.1.
- 30 4. For a nonresident big game hunting license, one hundred fifty-five dollars, and for a
31 nonresident bow license, one hundred fifty-five dollars, and a nonrefundable five

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- 1 dollar application fee must accompany any lottery license fee under this
2 subsection, except as provided in a gubernatorial proclamation issued pursuant to
3 section 20.1-08-04.1.
- 4 5. For a resident fur-bearer license, seven dollars.
- 5 6. For a resident fishing license, ten dollars, except that for a resident sixty-five years
6 or over or a resident totally or permanently disabled, the license fee is three
7 dollars.
- 8 7. For a nonresident fishing license, twenty-five dollars.
- 9 8. For a nonresident short-term seven-day fishing license, fifteen dollars.
- 10 9. For a resident husband and wife fishing license, fourteen dollars.
- 11 10. For a nonresident nongame hunting license, fifteen dollars.
- 12 11. For a wild turkey permit, eight dollars.
- 13 12. For an annual general game license, three dollars.
- 14 13. For a permit to propagate, domesticate, or possess protected wildlife, five dollars.
- 15 14. For a license to a nonresident buyer or shipper of green furs, or that person's
16 agent, the amount that the nonresident buyer or shipper of green furs would pay for a
17 nonresident buyer or shipper of green furs license or comparable license in that
18 person's state of residence, or fifty dollars, whichever is greater.
- 19 15. For a license to a resident buyer or shipper of green furs, eight dollars for each
20 place of business maintained by that person within this state.
- 21 16. For a license to a resident traveling agent, buyer, or shipper of green furs, twenty
22 dollars.
- 23 17. For an annual license to practice taxidermy, twenty-five dollars.
- 24 18. For a permit to ship, by a person having a resident hunting license, during the
25 respective open seasons, not to exceed in any one season twenty-five game birds,
26 to points within this state other than that person's home or to points outside this
27 state, three dollars.
- 28 19. For a permit to make collections of protected birds and animals for scientific
29 purposes, ten dollars.
- 30 20. For a motorboat certificate of number and license: Each motorboat under sixteen
31 feet [4.88 meters] in length, and all canoes, regardless of length, powered by a

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- 1 26. For an annual resident license to sell minnows or other live bait at wholesale, thirty
2 dollars.
- 3 27. For an annual license to sell minnows or other live bait at retail, fifteen dollars,
4 except the fee is seventy-five dollars if white suckers are sold.
- 5 28. For an annual license to operate a private fish hatchery, seventy-five dollars.
- 6 29. For a resident commercial frog license, fifty dollars.
- 7 30. For a nonresident commercial frog license, two hundred dollars.
- 8 31. For a resident frog license, three dollars.
- 9 32. For a resident husband and wife frog license, five dollars.
- 10 33. For a shooting preserve operating permit:
- 11 a. One hundred dollars, if the shooting preserve consists of an area of six
12 hundred forty acres [259 hectares] or less; or
- 13 b. One hundred dollars, if the shooting preserve consists of an area of more than
14 six hundred forty acres [259 hectares], plus fifty cents per acre [.40 hectare]
15 for each acre [.40 hectare] over six hundred forty acres [259 hectares].
- 16 34. ~~For an annual license to guide for both hunting and fishing, one hundred fifty~~
17 dollars.
- 18 ~~35. For an annual license to guide only for hunting, one hundred dollars.~~
- 19 ~~36. For an annual license to guide only for fishing, one hundred dollars.~~
- 20 ~~37.~~ For a nonresident waterfowl hunting license, ten dollars.
- 21 ~~38.~~ 35. For a nonresident husband and wife fishing license, thirty-five dollars.
- 22 ~~39.~~ 36. For a nonresident short-term three-day fishing license, ten dollars.
- 23 ~~40.~~ 37. For a nonresident fur-bearer and nongame hunting license, twenty-five dollars.
- 24 ~~41.~~ 38. For a combination license, twenty-seven dollars.
- 25 ~~42.~~ 39. For a white-tailed deer license sold to ~~certified guides or~~ hunting outfitters and
26 provided by them to nonresidents, two hundred fifty dollars.
- 27 ~~43.~~ 40. For a resident swan license, five dollars.
- 28 ~~44.~~ 41. For a nonresident swan license, twenty-five dollars.
- 29 ~~45.~~ 42. For a resident and nonresident sandhill crane license, five dollars.
- 30 ~~46.~~ 43. For a resident commercial clam license, one hundred dollars.
- 31 ~~47.~~ 44. For a nonresident commercial clam license, one thousand dollars.

- 1 ~~48.~~ 45. For a commercial clam dealer's permit, two thousand dollars. In addition, the
2 applicant shall submit to the director a surety bond in the sum of two thousand
3 dollars.
- 4 ~~49.~~ 46. For an annual nonresident license to sell minnows or other live bait at wholesale,
5 two hundred dollars.
- 6 ~~50.~~ 47. For a bighorn sheep license issued to a nonresident, five hundred dollars.
- 7 ~~51.~~ 48. For a nonresident reciprocal trapping license, two hundred fifty dollars.
- 8 ~~52.~~ 49. For a nonresident spring white goose license, fifty dollars.
- 9 ~~53.~~ 50. For a resident certificate fee, one dollar, and for a nonresident certificate fee, two
10 dollars. An agent may not charge a service fee for issuing a resident or
11 nonresident certificate fee.

12 The fees for these licenses and permits, except for motorboat license fees, must be deposited
13 with the state treasurer and credited to the game and fish fund.

14 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-03-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is
15 amended and reenacted as follows:

16 **20.1-03-36. ~~Certified guides~~ Guides and outfitters –Requirements to be licensed.**

17 ~~An individual may not be issued a certified guide license without first providing the director:~~

- 18 1. ~~Proof that the individual is covered by general liability insurance against loss or~~
19 ~~expense due to accident or injury from guiding or outfitting services, at a minimum~~
20 ~~of one hundred thousand dollars per individual and three hundred thousand dollars~~
21 ~~per incident;~~
- 22 2. ~~Proof that the individual is currently certified in adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation~~
23 ~~or its equivalent; and~~
- 24 3. ~~Proof that the individual is currently certified in standard first aid or its equivalent.~~
- 25 A person may not act as a guide or outfitter or advertise or otherwise represent to
26 the public as a guide or outfitter without first securing a license in accordance with
27 this chapter and the rules of the director.

28 **SECTION 6.** Section 20.1-03-36.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and
29 enacted as follows:

30 **20.1-03-36.1. Fee for license.**

- 31 1. The annual fee to receive a hunting guide license is two hundred dollars.

- 1 2. The annual fee to receive a fishing outfitter license is one hundred dollars. The
2 annual fee to receive a fishing outfitter license is fifty dollars if a person applying for
3 the license has paid for a hunting guide or outfitter license for the same year.
- 4 3. The annual fee to receive a hunting outfitter license is two hundred dollars if the
5 outfitter will employ one to three guides that year, five hundred dollars if the
6 outfitter will employ four to ten guides that year, and seven hundred fifty dollars if
7 the outfitter will employ more than ten guides that year.
- 8 4. There is not a license fee for a person to provide services on real property that
9 person owns for the primary pursuit of bona fide agricultural interests.

10 **SECTION 7.** Section 20.1-03-36.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and
11 enacted as follows:

12 **20.1-03-36.2. Licenses.**

- 13 1. Each licensee shall carry the license while afield and show the license to any law
14 enforcement officer upon request.
- 15 2. A hunting guide or outfitter license or fishing outfitter license is not transferable.
- 16 3. Before January first of each year, each licensed guide and outfitter shall pay the
17 department a renewal fee of the same amount of the license fee. The department
18 shall deposit in the game and fish department private habitat and access
19 improvement fund any funds collected under section 20.1-03-36.1 or this section
20 from hunting guides and outfitters which are not used for the administration of this
21 chapter.

22 **SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-03-37 of the North Dakota Century Code is
23 amended and reenacted as follows:

24 **~~20.1-03-37. Guides and outfitters—Rules—Restrictions~~ License qualifications.**

- 25 1. An individual ~~may not:~~
- 26 4. ~~Act as a guide or outfitter or advertise or otherwise represent to the public that the~~
27 ~~individual is a guide or outfitter without first securing a license in accordance with~~
28 ~~this title and the applicable rules of the director;~~
- 29 2. ~~Act as a certified guide or outfitter or advertise or otherwise represent to the public~~
30 ~~that the individual meets the qualifications of being certified without first complying~~
31 ~~with section 20.1-03-36;~~

- 1 ~~3. Act as a hunting guide or outfitter on land owned by or private land enrolled by the~~
2 ~~department for the purpose of hunting;~~
- 3 ~~4. Provide guiding or outfitting services to a person who has not obtained the~~
4 ~~appropriate license for the species sought by that person; or~~
- 5 ~~5. Willfully and substantially misrepresent that person's facilities, prices, equipment,~~
6 ~~services, or hunting or fishing opportunities as a guide or outfitter who is a resident~~
7 ~~and eighteen years of age or more and of good moral character and temperate~~
8 ~~habits may apply for a guide or outfitter license.~~
- 9 2. An applicant for a hunting guide license and an outfitter acting as a guide shall
10 provide the director proof that the individual is certified in adult cardiopulmonary
11 resuscitation or its equivalent and in standard or first aid or its equivalent.
- 12 3. An applicant for a hunting outfitter or fishing outfitter license shall provide to the
13 director proof that the person is covered by general liability insurance against loss
14 or expense due to accident or injury from outfitting services, at a minimum of one
15 hundred thousand dollars per individual and three hundred thousand dollars per
16 accident.
- 17 4. A person must hold a hunting guide license for five years to be eligible to apply for
18 a hunting outfitter license.
- 19 5. The director may not issue a license to a person who has had any state or federal
20 criminal game or fish violation in the last three years.
- 21 6. If an application is for a business association, the applicant must be an agent of the
22 association to be held personally responsible for the conduct of the licensed
23 outfitter's operations, in addition to the association.

24 **SECTION 9.** Section 20.1-03-38 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and
25 enacted as follows:

26 **20.1-03-38. Licensing by the department.**

- 27 1. The director shall license guides and outfitters and may adopt rules to regulate
28 guides and outfitters. Before engaging in rulemaking activities with respect to
29 guides and outfitters, the director shall appoint a committee composed of guides,
30 outfitters, and interested persons and shall consult with the committee when
31 preparing rules.

- 1 2. The director may require records and reports from outfitters, including records of
2 each transaction as an outfitter. If the director requests trade secret or proprietary
3 information, the director shall request the information on a separate form and that
4 information is confidential and is not a public record subject to section 44-04-18
5 and section 6 of article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota. The director may
6 release this information, however, if it is aggregated so as not to identify any guide,
7 outfitter, or client.
- 8 3. The director shall periodically inspect or cause to be inspected all outfitter
9 businesses.
- 10 4. The director shall perform a background search for criminal and game and fish
11 violations on each applicant on initial application and on each renewal.
- 12 5. The director may not issue a license to an individual to be a hunting guide or
13 hunting outfitter unless the individual is proficient in the application of state and
14 federal laws on the hunting of wild game. The director shall create and administer
15 a written examination to test proficiency of hunting guides and outfitters in these
16 laws.
- 17 6. The director may not license more than two hundred hunting outfitters at one time.

18 **SECTION 10.** Section 20.1-03-39 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and
19 enacted as follows:

20 **20.1-03-39. Restrictions - Administrative sanctions.**

- 21 1. The license of a guide or outfitter may be denied, revoked, or suspended, or placed
22 on probation if:
 - 23 a. The licensee, while carrying out the business of guiding or outfitting, engages
24 in conduct detrimental to the image and professional integrity of the guiding
25 and outfitting industry;
 - 26 b. The licensee willfully and substantially misrepresented that person's facilities,
27 prices, equipment, services, or hunting or fishing opportunities as a guide or
28 outfitter;
 - 29 c. The licensee has been convicted of an offense not listed in subsection 2
30 which is determined by the director to have a direct bearing on the licensee's
31 ability to serve the public as a guide or outfitter;

- 1 d. The licensee is addicted to the habitual use of intoxicating liquors, narcotics,
2 or stimulants to the extent the licensee's performance of professional duties is
3 affected; or
- 4 e. The licensee has become not qualified, or has violated any rule for the
5 licensing of a guide or outfitter by the director.
- 6 2. The license of a guide or outfitter must be revoked if:
- 7 a. The licensee is convicted of violating state or federal criminal law pertaining to
8 hunting, fishing, or trapping while afield;
- 9 b. The licensee acted as a hunting guide or hunting outfitter on land owned or
10 private land enrolled by the department for the purposes of hunting or on land
11 for which the department pays in lieu of tax payments; or
- 12 c. The licensee provided guiding or outfitting services to a person that had not
13 obtained the appropriate license for the species sought by that person.
- 14 3. For the purpose of administrative sanctions, an outfitter is liable for the violation of
15 a guide or for which a guide is liable if the outfitter knowingly aids in the violation or
16 knows of the violation and fails to report the violation to the department within a
17 reasonable time. A guide is liable for the violation of a client if the guide knowingly
18 aids in the violation or knows of the violation and fails to report the violation to the
19 department within a reasonable time.
- 20 4. Another person may not use a name, place of business, or telephone number of an
21 outfitter who has committed a violation at least three years from the time of the
22 violation except on permission from the director after a determination by the
23 director that the new business is significantly separate from the previous business.

24 **SECTION 11.** Section 20.1-03-40 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and
25 enacted as follows:

26 **20.1-03-40. Penalty.** Any person providing guide or outfitter services without a license
27 is guilty of a class B misdemeanor. In addition to this penalty, the director may initiate civil
28 action in a court of competent jurisdiction as necessary to enforce this chapter or any rule
29 adopted under this chapter, including an injunction to restrain a violation, without proof of actual
30 damages sustained by any person.

1 **SECTION 12. APPLICATION - EFFECTIVE DATE.** Licenses issued by the director
2 under section 20.1-02-05 are valid for the term of issuance and a person with this license is
3 entitled to a one-time irrevocable decision to be an outfitter before the term of the license ends
4 regardless of any experience requirement in this Act.