

HOUSE BILL NO. 1343

Introduced by

Representatives Hanson, Porter

Senator Fischer

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-05-03 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to unlawfully taking big game animals; and to provide a penalty.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-05-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **20.1-05-03. Season for taking and transporting big game - Bag limit - Civil penalty**
7 **for unlawful taking.** ~~A person~~ An individual having a big game hunting license as prescribed in
8 this title may take, kill, and transport, during the open or lawful season, one big game animal in
9 this state. In addition to the penalty provided in section 20.1-05-01, an individual who
10 unlawfully takes a bighorn sheep, elk, or moose is subject to a civil penalty for the replacement
11 value of the animal of five thousand dollars for a bighorn sheep, three thousand dollars for an
12 elk, and two thousand dollars for a moose. For a trophy animal over two and one-half years of
13 age, the civil penalty for the replacement value of the animal is an additional fifty percent of the
14 penalty and for an animal less than one year of age, the civil penalty for the replacement value
15 of the animal is reduced by fifty percent. A penalty collected under this section must be used
16 for the future management of the species for which the penalty was collected. The open or
17 lawful season on deer and antelope begins at twelve noon central standard time and on elk,
18 moose, and bighorn sheep begins one-half hour before sunrise on any designated Friday as
19 established by gubernatorial proclamation in accordance with this title. This section does not
20 prohibit the transportation, shipment, or possession within this state of properly tagged big
21 game legally taken in other states.