

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1380
(Representatives Monson, Froelich, D. Johnson, Nelson)
(Senator Fischer)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 20.1-03-11 of the North Dakota 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 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. 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. A license issued under this subsection is valid for the deer bow, deer gun, and muzzleloader seasons until filled. 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 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 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.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1380.

House Vote: Yeas 93 Nays 0 Absent 1

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2003,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State