

SENATE BILL NO. 2230

Introduced by

Senators Erbele, Fischer, Taylor

Representatives DeKrey, Headland, Kerzman

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 deer hunting licenses.

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 North Dakota
5 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, but no more than one
23 license may be issued under this subsection for any qualifying land. A person
24 transferring eligibility under this subsection may not receive a license under this

1 subsection for the season for which the eligibility was transferred. Notwithstanding
2 the provisions of this subsection, upon payment to the department of the fee
3 requirement for a resident or nonresident big game license, an individual who is
4 eligible for a license under this subsection may transfer that eligibility for the
5 license to another individual. The proceeds of the license fees paid by individuals
6 to whom gratis licenses are transferred under this subsection must be placed in the
7 game and fish department private land habitat and access improvement fund and
8 used to promote hunting access. If not otherwise specified in an agricultural lease,
9 the landowner is entitled to receive the license.