

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments****ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2165**

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-03 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to an apprentice hunter program; and to amend and reenact section
3 20.1-03-01.1 and subsection 1 of section 20.1-03-11 of the North Dakota Century Code,
4 relating to hunting licenses and requirements.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-03-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code
7 is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **20.1-03-01.1. Director to appoint and train instructors - Prescribe course material**
9 **and classroom sites - Certify completion.** The director shall provide classroom instruction
10 on, and shall select, train, and certify persons or department personnel qualified to provide
11 instruction on, firearms and bow safety and hunter responsibility, and shall prescribe the course
12 material to be used, classroom locations, and the dates for teaching the course in this state.
13 The director also shall provide an online internet hunter safety education program for
14 individuals age sixteen and over to complete the hunter safety education requirement. The
15 director shall authorize the issuance of a certificate of completion to all persons satisfactorily
16 completing the course.

17 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 20.1-03-11 of the North Dakota
18 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

19 1. ~~No person shall~~ An individual may not hunt, kill, take, or attempt to take any big
20 game without having the appropriate big game hunting license and a locking seal
21 bearing a number corresponding to the number of the big game hunting license or
22 stamp. The locking seal ~~shall~~ must be issued as an integral part of the big game
23 hunting license. ~~No person~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, an
24 individual may not apply for or be issued a big game hunting license if that

1 ~~person's~~ individual's fourteenth birthday does not occur on or before the opening
2 date of the respective big game hunting season. This age limitation does not apply
3 to applicants for big game licenses for hunting by bow and arrow. Each violation of
4 this section ~~shall be~~ is a distinct and separate offense. The following provisions
5 govern youth deer hunting:

6 a. An individual whose twelfth birthday occurs on or before the opening date of
7 the youth deer hunting season but is younger than fourteen years of age is
8 entitled to receive a statewide white-tailed antlerless deer permit but may hunt
9 only in the youth deer hunting season.

10 b. An individual hunting under subdivision a must be accompanied by the
11 individual's parent, guardian, or other individual authorized by the individual's
12 parent or guardian. As used in this section, "accompanied" means to stay
13 within a distance that permits uninterrupted visual contact and unaided verbal
14 communication.

15 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
16 created and enacted as follows:

17 **Apprentice hunter validation.** An individual born after December 31, 1961, who is
18 sixteen years of age or older and who does not possess a hunter safety education course
19 certificate of completion may be issued an apprentice hunter validation. An apprentice hunter
20 validation is valid for only one license year in a lifetime. An individual in possession of an
21 apprentice hunter validation may hunt small game and deer only when accompanied by an
22 adult licensed to hunt in this state whose license was not obtained using an apprentice hunter
23 validation. An apprentice hunter validation holder must obtain all required licenses and stamps.
24 For purposes of this section, "accompanied" means to stay within a distance of another
25 individual that permits uninterrupted visual contact in unaided verbal communication.