

HOUSE BILL NO. 1504

Introduced by

Representatives Heller, Kreidt

Senator Christmann

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 taking of big game for disabled individuals.

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. An individual who is a resident, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability
7 partnership, limited partnership, or partnership that has executed a lease for at
8 least one hundred sixty acres [64.75 hectares] of land and that actively farms or
9 ranches that land or an individual, corporation, limited liability company, limited
10 liability partnership, limited partnership, or partnership that holds title to at least one
11 hundred sixty acres [64.75 hectares] of land is eligible to apply for a license to hunt
12 deer without charge, or if that entity is a nonresident upon payment of the fee
13 requirement for a nonresident big game license, upon filing a signed application
14 describing that land. If the license is issued to a corporation, limited liability
15 company, limited liability partnership, limited partnership, or partnership, only one
16 license may be issued and the license must be issued in the name of an individual
17 shareholder, member, or partner. The land must be within a unit open for the
18 hunting of deer. The license must include a legal description of the eligible land
19 described in the completed application and may be used to hunt deer only upon
20 that land. A license issued under this subsection is valid for the deer bow, deer
21 gun, and muzzleloader seasons until filled. However, an individual, that
22 individual's spouse, and their children who have a license issued under this
23 subsection may hunt together on land described in any of the affidavits making
24 them eligible for the license. Family members hunting together under this provision

1 shall hunt within the same unit within which the land described in the affidavit
2 making them eligible for the license is located. Upon request, a lessee shall
3 provide proof that the land described in the completed application is leased for
4 agricultural purposes. An individual who is eligible for a license under this
5 subsection may transfer that eligibility for the license to a spouse or legal
6 dependent residing customarily with that individual, but no more than one license
7 may be issued under this subsection for any qualifying land. An individual
8 transferring eligibility under this subsection may not receive a license under this
9 subsection for the season for which the eligibility was transferred. An individual
10 who is disabled and who holds a license issued under this subsection may have an
11 individual designated on the license, who is otherwise qualified, hunt deer for that
12 individual except as provided by section 20.1-01-12. A disabled individual having
13 an individual hunt deer for that individual under this subsection must be on or as
14 near as reasonably practical to the eligible land described in the license
15 application, obtain a physician's statement that the disabled individual has a
16 condition likely to result in injury or physical harm to the disabled individual from
17 personally taking actions necessary to complete the hunt, and take possession of
18 the deer after it is harvested. If not otherwise specified in an agricultural lease, the
19 landowner is entitled to receive the license.