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Sixty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

BILL NO.

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Natural Resources Committee)

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to electronic posting of land to prohibit hunting; and to provide a penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 20.1-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

20.1-01-17. Posting of lands by owner to prohibit hunting - How posted - Signs defaced.

1. Only the owner or tenant or an individual authorized by the owner of land may post the land ~~by placing~~. To post the land, an individual shall:
   a. Place signs alongside the public highway or the land giving notice that hunting is not permitted on the land. The name of the person posting the land must appear on each sign in legible characters. The signs must be readable from the outside of the land and must be placed conspicuously not more than eight hundred eighty yards [804.68 meters] apart. As to land entirely enclosed by a fence or other enclosure, posting of signs at or on all gates through the fence or enclosure constitutes a posting of all the enclosed land; or
   b. Designate the land as posted or closed to hunting in an online database or other electronic application maintained or authorized by the state and available to the public which identifies whether the land is available to hunters.
2. A person may not deface, take down, destroy posting signs, or post property without the permission of the owner or tenant or an individual authorized by the owner.
3. Even if the conduct of the owner, tenant, or individual authorized by the owner varies from the provisions of subsection 1, an individual may be found guilty of violating section 20.1-01-18 if the owner, tenant, or individual authorized by the owner

substantially complied with subsection 1 and notice against hunting or trespassing is clear from the circumstances.