

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1232**

Introduced by

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Senators O. Larsen, Schaible, Vedaa

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 taxidermist and meat processor certifications for transporting big  
3 game animals in the state from areas with documented cases of chronic wasting disease.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Taxidermist and meat processor certification - Processing restricted big game**  
8 **animals - License to transport.**

9 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual licensed to practice taxidermy  
10 pursuant to section 20.1-03-12 or an individual registered as a meat processor  
11 pursuant to section 4.1-31-16 may complete and receive certification in a knowledge  
12 and skills test administered by the state veterinarian for the safe handling, sterilization,  
13 and processing of the whole carcass or parts of a carcass of white-tailed deer, mule  
14 deer, moose, or elk from an area with documented cases of chronic wasting disease.

15 2. An individual licensed to practice taxidermy in the state and who has received  
16 certification under subsection 1 may process for taxidermy purposes the whole  
17 carcass or parts of a carcass of white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose, or elk transported  
18 within the state or into the state from an area with documented cases of chronic  
19 wasting disease.

20 3. An individual registered as a meat processor in the state and who has received  
21 certification under subsection 1 may process the whole carcass or parts of a carcass  
22 of white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose, or elk transported within the state or into the  
23 state from an area with documented cases of chronic wasting disease. A meat  
24 processor shall dispose of the spinal column of any processed animal carcass.

- 1       4. An individual may transport for taxidermy or meat processing purposes the carcass or  
2       parts of a carcass of white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose, or elk within the state or into  
3       the state from an area with documented cases of chronic wasting disease. An  
4       individual under this subsection shall file information as required by the state  
5       veterinarian or the director including the name, address, license or registration  
6       number, and contact information of the licensed and certified taxidermist or the  
7       registered and certified meat processor in the state who will be processing the carcass  
8       and the location where the big game animal was taken.
- 9       5. The director shall adopt rules to implement this section.