

Energy and Natural Resources

Committee Members, I am writing you about **SB 2294 “Nonprofit organizations eligible to receive special allocation big game hunting licenses would also include those eligible organizations exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c)(19). Current law states those under section 501(c)(3) are eligible to receive no more than two elk, two moose, two pronghorn and 10 white-tailed deer licenses. Referred to Energy and Natural Resources Committee”**. I am not opposing this bill at this time, but I would like to see it changed to either have all Non-Profit Organizations added in the language or at the least the addition of 501c(4) and 501 c(7) organizations.

I tried to get this changed last legislative session as I wanted to get changes to the Allocation hunting Tags for nonprofit organizations, tax exempt 501c(4) and 501c(7).

According to IRS data, there are some 4,370 501c(3) nonprofit organizations registered with the IRS from North Dakota. And the IRS data for North Dakota states by adding the 501c(19) designation has some 298 more nonprofits with to the total of 4668. I would like to see, as I would have liked changed last session, the addition of 501c(4) and 501c(7) designations. This in turn would add another 384 501c(4) and 141 501c(7) for the previous mentioned designations or making the total 5193 nonprofit organizations. If they are all tax exempt, this would be the number able to apply for a chance at an Allocation Tag to raise funding for our respective clubs.

I represent two outdoor organizations – North Dakota Sportfishing Congress 501c(4) of which I am treasurer, and Bis-Man Reel & Rec Club 501c(7) of which I am Vice President. As one can see by the forementioned data is why I am approaching you to include these in the language. This is the only way our organizations will be able to **apply** for these tags. The money we could generate from raffling the tag would help our club(s) immensely if lucky enough to be drawn to receive one. The total number of organizations really does not go up that much more in total number either with these additions when comparing it to the original 501c(3) non-profit, tax exempt only designations being able to apply. I feel this can be resolved very easily in the wording. Thanks for listening.

PS I was born a North Dakotan, Raised a North Dakotan, Never left the state North Dakota, and have been Supporting North Dakotan's by Supporting North Dakota my entire life.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffery A. Herman". The signature is fluid and includes a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

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