

GAME, FISH, PREDATORS, AND BOATING

CHAPTER 216

HOUSE BILL NO. 1598

(Representatives Schreiber-Beck, D. Anderson, Hagert, Nelson, Wagner)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 20.1-01-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to hunting big game or small game other than waterfowl or cranes with a motor-driven vehicle.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 20.1-01-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

20.1-01-07. Hunting big game or small game other than waterfowl or cranes with motor-driven vehicles prohibited - Exception - Motor-driven vehicle use in transporting big game restricted.

1. Except as provided in subsection 10 of section 20.1-02-05 and as otherwise provided in this section, ~~a person an individual, other than the landowner, without the written permission of the landowner or a lessee who actively farms or ranches that land, while hunting big game or small game, other than waterfowl or cranes, statewide, may not use a motor-driven vehicle on any land other than an established road or trail without the written permission of the landowner, unless that person individual has reduced a big game animal to possession and cannot easily retrieve the big game animal, in which case a motor driven vehicle may be used to retrieve the big game animal, but after retrieval, the motor-driven vehicle must be returned to the established road or trail along the same route it originally departed. A person may not use a motor driven vehicle on any land other than an established road or trail to hunt upland game during the deer gun season.~~
2. For purposes of safety and allowing normal travel, a motor-driven vehicle may be parked on the roadside or directly adjacent to said road or trail.
3. No ~~person individual~~, while hunting big game or small game, statewide, may drive or attempt to drive, run or attempt to run, molest or attempt to molest, flush or attempt to flush, or harass or attempt to harass any such game with the use or aid of any motor-driven vehicle. ~~A person, other than the landowner, without the written permission of the landowner or a lessee who actively farms or ranches that land, while hunting big game or small game, other than waterfowl or cranes, statewide, may not drive through any retired cropland, brush area, slough area, timber area, open prairie, or unharvested or harvested cropland, except upon an established road or trail. The provisions of this section relating to hunting big game or small game while using a motor driven vehicle on any land other than an established road or trail~~

~~without the written permission of the landowner or a lessee who actually farms or ranches that land do not apply to the hunting of big game during an open and lawful season for small game.~~

Approved March 21, 2025

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CHAPTER 217

SENATE BILL NO. 2216

(Senator Cleary)
(Representatives Bosch, Porter)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-02 and a new section to chapter 20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to waterfowl habitat restoration stamp fees and the waterfowl habitat improvement fund.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 20.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Waterfowl habitat improvement fund.

There is created in the state treasury a special fund known as the waterfowl habitat improvement fund. The fund consists of transfers and deposits made in accordance with section 2 of this Act and interest earned on moneys in the fund. Moneys in the fund may be expended, subject to legislative appropriations, for improving or restoring waterfowl habitat and supporting youth hunting programs, including providing a match for federal funding obtained by the department.

SECTION 2. A new section to chapter 20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Waterfowl habitat restoration electronic stamp required - Use of revenue.

A waterfowl habitat restoration electronic stamp is required for every resident and nonresident to hunt waterfowl within the state for which an electronic stamp fee of five dollars must be charged. All money generated by the waterfowl habitat restoration electronic stamp fees must be placed in the waterfowl habitat improvement fund.

Approved April 16, 2025

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CHAPTER 218

HOUSE BILL NO. 1174

(Representatives Longmuir, Beltz, Dockter, Nelson, Richter)
(Senators Bekkedahl, Klein, Patten)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to educational and community outreach programs established by the game and fish department.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 20.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Educational and community outreach programs.

The department may establish educational and community outreach programs to promote public understanding of fisheries and wildlife management and promote interest in pursuing careers in fields employed by the department. The director may establish programs and determine participation eligibility, including the direct participation in job shadowing of field activities and ride alongs.

Approved March 27, 2025

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CHAPTER 219

HOUSE BILL NO. 1260

(Representatives Hager, D. Anderson, Hauck, Koppelman, Nelson, J. Olson, D. Ruby)
(Senators Boehm, Erbele, Marcellais, Thomas, Weber)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 10 of section 20.1-03-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to nonresident deer bow licenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

⁸⁶ **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 10 of section 20.1-03-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

10. Fifteen percent of the total mule deer licenses and permits to hunt mule deer made available in the ~~immediately preceding~~current year for the regular gun season must be made available to nonresidents to hunt any deer with bow and arrow.

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⁸⁶ Section 20.1-03-11 was also amended by section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2155, chapter 220, and section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2309, chapter 221.

CHAPTER 220

SENATE BILL NO. 2155

(Senators Cleary, Bekkedahl)
(Representatives Bosch, Steiner)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 20.1-03-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to gratis antelope licenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

⁸⁷ **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 5 of section 20.1-03-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5. a. A resident that is an individual, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, limited partnership, partnership, trust, or life estate, and has executed a lease for at least one hundred fifty acres [60.70 hectares] of land that the resident actively farms or ranches; or a resident that is an individual, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, limited partnership, partnership, trust, or life estate, and holds title to at least one hundred fifty acres [60.70 hectares] of land, is eligible to submit one application for a license to hunt antelope without charge upon filing a signed application describing that land. The land must be within a unit open for the hunting of antelope. The license must include a legal description of the eligible land described in the completed application and may be used to hunt antelope only upon that land. Upon request, a lessee shall provide proof that the land described in the completed application is leased for agricultural purposes. If not otherwise specified in an agricultural lease, the landowner is entitled to receive the license. An individual licensed under this subsection must be a resident.
- b. If the eligible applicant is a corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, limited partnership, partnership, trust, or life estate, only one license may be issued, and the license must be issued in the name of an individual shareholder, member, partner, beneficiary, or holder of a life estate.
- c. A resident who is eligible for a license under this subsection may transfer that eligibility for the license to a spouse or legal dependent residing customarily with the resident, but no more than one license may be issued under this subsection for any qualifying land. A resident transferring eligibility under this subsection may not receive a license under this subsection for the season for which eligibility was transferred. If not otherwise specified in an agricultural lease, the landowner is entitled to receive the license.
- d. ~~The~~Except as provided in paragraph 2, the number of licenses issued without charge under this subsection may not exceed ~~the total number~~one-half of the number of licenses of any pronghorn license type prescribed for each district or unit in the governor's proclamation.

⁸⁷ Section 20.1-03-11 was also amended by section 1 of House Bill No. 1260, chapter 219, and section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2309, chapter 221.

- (1) If the number of eligible persons who apply for licenses issued without charge under this subsection exceeds the number of licenses prescribed for the district or unit in the governor's proclamation less any licenses that are otherwise designated to be issued with a charge under this subsection, the licenses to be issued without charge must be issued by lottery as prescribed in the governor's proclamation. ~~If the number of licenses prescribed for the district or unit in the governor's proclamation exceeds fifty and if the number of applications for these licenses exceeds the number of licenses prescribed for the district or unit in the governor's proclamation, then one half of the licenses exceeding fifty must be issued by lottery as prescribed in the governor's proclamation and may not be issued to landowners without charge.~~
- (2) If an eligible person is unsuccessful in receiving a license without charge under paragraph 1, the application for a license without charge may be included in a lottery for remaining licenses issued for the district or unit as prescribed by the governor's proclamation.

Approved April 21, 2025

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CHAPTER 221

SENATE BILL NO. 2309

(Senators Gerhardt, Boehm, Rummel)
(Representatives Dressler, Hauck, Rohr)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 20.1-03-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to youth deer hunting permits.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

⁸⁸ **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 20.1-03-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. An individual may not hunt, kill, take, or attempt to take any big game without having the appropriate big game hunting license and a locking seal bearing a number corresponding to the number of the big game hunting license or stamp. The locking seal must be issued as an integral part of the big game hunting license. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, an individual may not apply for or be issued a big game hunting license unless that individual's fourteenth or subsequent birthday occurs in the same year as the respective big game hunting season. This age limitation does not apply to applicants for big game licenses for hunting by bow and arrow. Each violation of this section is a distinct and separate offense. The following provisions govern youth deer and antelope hunting:
 - a. An individual whose eleventh, twelfth, or thirteenth birthday occurs in the same year as a youth deer hunting season is entitled to receive a:
 - (1) A statewide white-tailed antlerless deer permit; or
 - (2) An antlerless deer permit, as determined by the governor by proclamation.
 - b. An individual whose twelfth or thirteenth birthday occurs in the same year as an antelope hunting season is entitled to apply for an antelope permit for that season.
 - c. An individual hunting under subdivision a or b must be accompanied by the individual's parent, guardian, or other individual authorized by the individual's parent or guardian. As used in this section, "accompanied" means to stay within a distance that permits uninterrupted visual contact and unaided verbal communication.

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⁸⁸ Section 20.1-03-11 was also amended by section 1 of House Bill No. 1260, chapter 219, and section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2155, chapter 220.

CHAPTER 222

HOUSE BILL NO. 1147

(Representatives D. Johnston, Brandenburg, Kasper, Marschall, Nehring, M. Ruby,
Tveit)
(Senators Clemens, Paulson)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 20.1-03-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fees for game and fish licenses and permits.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

⁸⁹ **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-03-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

20.1-03-12. Schedule of fees for licenses and permits.

The fees collected under this section for licenses and permits must be deposited with the state treasurer and credited to the game and fish fund, except aquatic nuisance species fees must be deposited with the state treasurer and credited to the aquatic nuisance species program fund. Forty-five dollars of each nonresident big game hunting license fee must be used for the private land initiative. The various license and permit fees are as follows:

1. For a resident, age sixteen and over, small game hunting license, ten dollars.
2. For a nonresident small game hunting license, one hundred dollars.
3. For a resident big game hunting license, thirty dollars, except the fee for a licensee under age sixteen is ten dollars, except as provided in a gubernatorial proclamation issued pursuant to section 20.1-08-04.1.
4. Except for a nonresident who participates on the same basis as a resident in a lottery for deer licenses remaining after the second lottery for residents under subsection 4 of section 20.1-03-11, for a nonresident big game hunting license, two hundred fifty dollars, and for a nonresident bow license, two hundred fifty dollars, and a nonrefundable five dollar application fee must accompany any lottery license fee under this subsection, except as provided in a gubernatorial proclamation issued pursuant to section 20.1-08-04.1. For a nonresident who participates on the same basis as a resident in a lottery for deer licenses remaining after the second lottery for residents, fifty dollars.
5. For a resident fur-bearer license, fifteen dollars.
6. For a resident fishing license, sixteen dollars, except that for a resident sixty-five years or over, a resident totally or permanently disabled, or a resident disabled veteran who has at least a fifty percent service-connected disability as determined by the department of veterans' affairs or has an extra-schedular rating to include individual unemployability that brings the veteran's total disability ratio to at least fifty percent, the license fee is five dollars.

⁸⁹ Section 20.1-03-12 was also amended by section 1 of House Bill No. 1470, chapter 224.

7. For a nonresident fishing license, forty-five dollars.
8. For a resident husband and wife fishing license, twenty-two dollars.
9. For a nonresident nongame hunting license, fifteen dollars.
10. For a resident wild turkey permit, fifteen dollars.
11. For an annual general game license, three dollars.
12. For a license to a nonresident buyer or shipper of green furs, or that person's agent, the amount that the nonresident buyer or shipper of green furs would pay for a nonresident buyer or shipper of green furs license or comparable license in that person's state of residence, or fifty dollars, whichever is greater.
13. For a license to a resident buyer or shipper of green furs, eight dollars for each place of business maintained by that person within this state.
14. For a license to a resident traveling agent, buyer, or shipper of green furs, twenty dollars.
15. For an annual license to practice taxidermy, twenty-five dollars.
16. For a permit to ship, by a person having a resident hunting license, during the respective open seasons, not to exceed in any one season twenty-five game birds, to points within this state other than that person's home or to points outside this state, three dollars.
17. For a permit to make collections of protected birds and animals for scientific purposes, ten dollars.
18. For a motorboat certificate of number and license: ~~Each, each~~ motorboat ~~under~~:
 - a. Under sixteen feet [4.88 meters] in length, and all canoes, regardless of length, powered by a motor, eighteen dollars. ~~Each motorboat sixteen~~
 - b. Sixteen feet [4.88 meters] in length and over but shorter than twenty feet [6.1 meters] in length, excluding canoes, thirty-six dollars. ~~Each motorboat twenty~~
 - c. Twenty feet [6.1 meters] in length or over excluding canoes, forty-five dollars.
19. For the taking of undesirable fish from the waters of this state pursuant to section 20.1-06-05, fifteen dollars for each hoop-net or trap, and fifteen dollars for each seine of fifty feet [15.24 meters] or any fraction thereof.
20. For a resident paddlefish tag annual license, ten dollars per tag.
21. For a nonresident paddlefish tag annual license, twenty-five dollars and fifty cents per tag.
22. For an annual resident license to sell minnows or other live bait at wholesale, fifty dollars.

23. For an annual license to sell minnows or other live bait at retail, fifteen dollars, except the fee is seventy-five dollars if white suckers are sold.
24. For an annual license to operate a private fish hatchery, seventy-five dollars.
25. For a resident commercial frog license, fifty dollars.
26. For a nonresident commercial frog license, two hundred dollars.
27. For a resident frog license, three dollars.
28. For a resident husband and wife frog license, five dollars.
29. For a shooting preserve operating permit, one hundred dollars, plus thirty cents per acre [.40 hectare] for each acre [.40 hectare].
30. For a nonresident waterfowl hunting license, one hundred dollars.
31. For a nonresident husband and wife fishing license, sixty dollars.
32. For a nonresident short-term three-day fishing license, twenty-five dollars.
33. For a nonresident fur-bearer and nongame hunting license, forty dollars.
34. For a combination license, fifty dollars.
35. For a white-tailed deer license sold to certified guides or outfitters and provided by them to nonresidents, two hundred fifty dollars.
36. For a resident swan license, ten dollars.
37. For a nonresident swan license, thirty dollars.
38. For a resident sandhill crane license, ten dollars.
39. For a nonresident sandhill crane license, thirty dollars.
40. For a resident commercial clam license, one hundred dollars.
41. For a nonresident commercial clam license, one thousand dollars.
42. For a commercial clam dealer's permit, two thousand dollars. In addition, the applicant shall submit to the director a surety bond in the sum of two thousand dollars.
43. For an annual class B nonresident license to sell minnows or other live bait at wholesale, two hundred fifty dollars.
44. For a bighorn sheep license issued to a nonresident, five hundred dollars.
45. For a nonresident reciprocal trapping license, three hundred fifty dollars.
46. For a nonresident spring white goose license, fifty dollars.

47. For a resident certificate fee, one dollar, and for a nonresident certificate fee, two dollars. An agent may not charge a service fee for issuing a resident or nonresident certificate fee.
48. For a nonresident short-term ten-day fishing license, thirty-five dollars.
49. For a nonresident wild turkey permit, eighty dollars.
50. For a statewide nonresident waterfowl hunting license, one hundred fifty dollars.
51. For an annual class A nonresident license to sell minnows or other live bait at wholesale, five hundred dollars.
52. For a resident early Canada goose season license, five dollars.
53. For a nonresident early Canada goose season license, fifty dollars.
54. For a ~~resident disabled veteran~~ combined general game, habitat stamp, small game, and fur-bearer license; for a resident disabled veteran who has at least a fifty percent service-connected disability as determined by the department of veterans' affairs, three dollars.
55. For each motorboat licensed in this state, an aquatic nuisance species fee of fifteen dollars valid concurrent with motorboat licensure.
56. For each motorboat operated on waters of this state and not licensed in this state, an aquatic nuisance species fee of fifteen dollars for the calendar year in which it is paid.

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CHAPTER 223

HOUSE BILL NO. 1412

(Representative Porter)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 20.1-03-11.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to donations to the private land open to sportsmen program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 20.1-03-11.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

20.1-03-11.4. Deer lottery license ~~refund~~fee donation to private land open to sportsmen option.

The director shall provide that each application for a deer lottery license contain the option for an unsuccessful applicant to donate the ~~refund~~license fee to ~~which an unsuccessful applicant would be entitled to~~ the private land open to sportsmen program. All moneys collected under this section must be placed in the game and fish private land habitat and access improvement fund and allocated to the private land open to sportsmen program.

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CHAPTER 224

HOUSE BILL NO. 1470

(Representatives Bosch, Porter)
(Senator Patten)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 20.1-03-12 and 20.1-03-36.1, subsection 7 of section 20.1-03-37, subsection 4 of section 20.1-03-38, and section 20.1-04-12.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to hunting, fishing, and gun dog activity fees and hunting guide and outfitter licensing requirements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

⁹⁰ **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-03-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

20.1-03-12. Schedule of fees for licenses and permits.

The fees collected under this section for licenses and permits must be deposited with the state treasurer and credited to the game and fish fund, except aquatic nuisance species fees must be deposited with the state treasurer and credited to the aquatic nuisance species program fund. Forty-five dollars of each nonresident big game hunting license fee must be used for the private land initiative. The various license and permit fees are as follows:

1. For a resident, age sixteen and over, small game hunting license, ~~ten~~twenty dollars.
2. For a nonresident small game hunting license, ~~one hundred~~one hundred fifty dollars.
3. For a resident big game hunting license, ~~thirty~~thirty-five dollars, except the fee for a licensee under age sixteen is ten dollars, except as provided in a gubernatorial proclamation issued pursuant to section 20.1-08-04.1.
4. Except for a nonresident who participates on the same basis as a resident in a lottery for deer licenses remaining after the second lottery for residents under subsection 4 of section 20.1-03-11, for a nonresident big game hunting license, ~~two hundred fifty~~three hundred fifty dollars, and for a nonresident bow license, ~~two hundred fifty~~three hundred fifty dollars, and a nonrefundable five dollar application fee must accompany any lottery license fee under this subsection, except as provided in a gubernatorial proclamation issued pursuant to section 20.1-08-04.1. For a nonresident who participates on the same basis as a resident in a lottery for deer licenses remaining after the second lottery for residents, fifty dollars.
5. For a resident fur-bearer license, ~~fifteen~~twenty dollars.

⁹⁰ Section 20.1-03-12 was also amended by section 1 of House Bill No. 1147, chapter 222.

6. For a resident fishing license, ~~sixteen~~twenty-five dollars, except that for a resident sixty-five years or over, a resident totally or permanently disabled, or a resident disabled veteran who has a fifty percent service-connected disability as determined by the department of veterans' affairs or has an extra-schedular rating to include individual unemployability that brings the veteran's total disability ratio to fifty percent, the license fee is ~~five~~ten dollars.
7. For a nonresident fishing license, ~~forty-five~~sixty dollars.
8. For a resident husband and wife fishing license, ~~twenty-two~~forty dollars.
9. For a nonresident nongame hunting license, ~~fifteen~~twenty-five dollars.
10. For a resident wild turkey permit, ~~fifteen~~twenty dollars.
11. For an annual general game license, three dollars.
12. For a license to a nonresident buyer or shipper of green furs, or that person's agent, the amount that the nonresident buyer or shipper of green furs would pay for a nonresident buyer or shipper of green furs license or comparable license in that person's state of residence, or fifty dollars, whichever is greater.
13. For a license to a resident buyer or shipper of green furs, eight dollars for each place of business maintained by that person within this state.
14. For a license to a resident traveling agent, buyer, or shipper of green furs, twenty dollars.
15. For an annual license to practice taxidermy, ~~twenty-five~~forty dollars.
16. For a permit to ship, by a person having a resident hunting license, during the respective open seasons, not to exceed in any one season twenty-five game birds, to points within this state other than that person's home or to points outside this state, three dollars.
17. For a permit to make collections of protected birds and animals for scientific purposes, ten dollars.
18. For a motorboat certificate of number and license: Each motorboat under sixteen feet [4.88 meters] in length, and all canoes, regardless of length, powered by a motor, ~~eighteen~~thirty dollars. Each motorboat sixteen feet [4.88 meters] in length and over but shorter than twenty feet [6.1 meters] in length, excluding canoes, ~~thirty-six~~forty-five dollars. Each motorboat twenty feet [6.1 meters] in length or over excluding canoes, ~~forty-five~~sixty dollars.
19. For the taking of undesirable fish from the waters of this state pursuant to section 20.1-06-05, ~~fifteen~~thirty dollars for each hoop-net or trap, and ~~fifteen dollars for each~~or seine of fifty feet [15.24 meters] or any fraction thereof.
20. For a resident paddlefish tag annual license, ~~ten~~fifteen dollars per tag.
21. For a nonresident paddlefish tag annual license, ~~twenty-five dollars and fifty cents~~thirty-five dollars per tag.

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22. For an annual resident license to sell minnows or other live bait at wholesale, ~~fifty~~seventy dollars.
 23. For an annual license to sell minnows or other live bait at retail, ~~fifteen~~twenty dollars, except the fee is ~~seventy-five~~one hundred dollars if white suckers are sold.
 24. For an annual license to operate a private fish hatchery, ~~seventy-five~~one hundred dollars.
 25. ~~For a resident commercial frog license, fifty dollars.~~
 26. ~~For a nonresident commercial frog license, two hundred dollars.~~
 27. ~~For a resident frog license, three dollars.~~
 28. ~~For a resident husband and wife frog license, five dollars.~~
 29. For a shooting preserve operating permit, one hundred dollars, plus thirty cents per acre [.40 hectare] for each acre [.40 hectare].
 30. ~~For a nonresident waterfowl hunting license, one hundred dollars.~~
 - 31-26. For a nonresident husband and wife fishing license, ~~sixty~~one hundred dollars.
 - 32-27. For a nonresident short-term three-day fishing license, ~~twenty-five~~forty dollars.
 - 33-28. For a nonresident fur-bearer and nongame hunting license, ~~forty~~fifty dollars.
 - 34-29. For a combination license, ~~fifty~~sixty dollars.
 - 35-30. For a white-tailed deer license sold to certified guides or outfitters and provided by them to nonresidents, ~~two hundred fifty~~three hundred fifty dollars.
 - 36-31. For a resident swan license, ten dollars.
 - 37-32. For a nonresident swan license, ~~thirty~~fifty dollars.
 - 38-33. For a resident sandhill crane license, ten dollars.
 - 39-34. For a nonresident sandhill crane license, thirty dollars.
 40. ~~For a resident commercial clam license, one hundred dollars.~~
 41. ~~For a nonresident commercial clam license, one thousand dollars.~~
 42. ~~For a commercial clam dealer's permit, two thousand dollars. In addition, the applicant shall submit to the director a surety bond in the sum of two thousand dollars.~~
 - 43-35. For an annual class B nonresident license to sell minnows or other live bait at wholesale, ~~two hundred fifty~~four hundred dollars.
 - 44-36. For a bighorn sheep license issued to a nonresident, five hundred dollars.
 - 45-37. For a nonresident reciprocal trapping license, three hundred fifty dollars.

- ~~46-38.~~ For a nonresident spring white goose license, fifty dollars.
- ~~47-39.~~ For a resident certificate fee, ~~one dollar~~ two dollars, and for a nonresident certificate fee, ~~two~~ five dollars. An agent may not charge a service fee for issuing a resident or nonresident certificate fee.
- ~~48-40.~~ For a nonresident short-term ten-day fishing license, ~~thirty-five~~ fifty dollars.
- ~~49-41.~~ For a nonresident wild turkey permit, ~~eighty~~ one hundred dollars.
- ~~50-42.~~ For a ~~statewide~~ nonresident waterfowl hunting license, one hundred fifty dollars.
- ~~51-43.~~ For an annual class A nonresident license to sell minnows or other live bait at wholesale, ~~five hundred~~ seven hundred fifty dollars.
- ~~52-44.~~ For a resident early Canada goose season license, ~~five~~ ten dollars.
- ~~53-45.~~ For a nonresident early Canada goose season license, fifty dollars.
- ~~54-46.~~ For a resident disabled veteran combined general game, habitat stamp, small game, and fur-bearer license, ~~three~~ ten dollars.
- ~~55-47.~~ For each motorboat licensed in this state, an aquatic nuisance species fee of fifteen dollars valid concurrent with motorboat licensure.
- ~~56-48.~~ For each motorboat operated on waters of this state and not licensed in this state, an aquatic nuisance species fee of fifteen dollars for the calendar year in which it is paid.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 20.1-03-36.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

20.1-03-36.1. Fee for guide or outfitter license.

1. The annual fee to receive a hunting guide license is one hundred dollars for a resident and four hundred dollars for a nonresident.
2. The annual fee to receive a fishing outfitter license is ~~one hundred~~ two hundred fifty dollars for a resident and ~~four hundred~~ five hundred dollars for a nonresident. The annual fee to receive a fishing outfitter license is ~~thirty~~ one hundred twenty-five dollars for a resident and ~~two hundred~~ two hundred fifty dollars for a nonresident if the individual applying for the license has paid for a hunting guide or outfitter license for the same year.
3. The annual fee for a resident to receive a hunting outfitter license is two hundred fifty dollars for under ten thousand acres [4046.86 hectares] and five hundred dollars for ten thousand acres [4046.86 hectares] and over on which the outfitter provides services. The annual fee for a nonresident to receive a hunting outfitter license is two thousand dollars. The acreage must be presented by the county with a list of lessors by county in every application for outfitter licensure. The annual permit fee for day leasing is two hundred dollars. The acreage day leased by county for the preceding year must be provided to receive a day leasing permit.

4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a license is not required for a person to provide services on real property that person owns or leases for the primary pursuit of bona fide agricultural interests, for a nonprofit organization registered with the secretary of state, or for a person that acts as a booking agent for a person that legally conducts business as an outfitter. However, a person who has been convicted of a state or federal criminal game or fish violation within the last three years or whose license to hunt or fish is under suspension or revocation is not exempt from licensure and is subject to subsection 5 of section 20.1-03-37. A booking agent that refers an individual to an outfitter under this subsection may receive a fee or commission for the referral. The director shall determine the number of acres by county exempted from licensure by this subsection and shall publish the results. The director shall provide written information to the public on the possible liability exposure for outfitting under this subsection and on the benefits of liability insurance and proper training. For purposes of this subsection, a booking agent means a person that receives only a fee for referring or marketing the services of a legal outfitter in this state.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Subsection 7 of section 20.1-03-37 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7. An applicant for a hunting guide or hunting outfitter license must have legally hunted ~~in this state~~ for part of each of any three years in a manner directly contributing to the individual's experience and competency as a guide. ~~The department may waive this requirement if the applicant proves that the applicant has legally hunted for parts of at least three years in other states and an outfitter employing that individual would suffer an undue hardship without that individual.~~

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Subsection 4 of section 20.1-03-38 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. The director may not issue a license to an individual to be a hunting guide or hunting outfitter unless the individual is proficient in the application of state and federal laws on the hunting of wild game. The director shall create and administer a written or electronic examination to test proficiency of hunting guides and outfitters in these laws. The director shall administer written examinations at least ~~twice~~ three times a year; however, ~~an~~ a written examination may not be given to an individual within ~~ninety~~ sixty days after the previous examination, unless an outfitter employing that individual would suffer an undue hardship without that individual.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 20.1-04-12.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

20.1-04-12.1. Gun dog activities - Permit required - Fee.

1. The director shall issue a permit for the following gun dog activities:
 - a. The training exercises of a resident or nonresident professional trainer;
 - b. The training exercises of a nonresident amateur trainer who brings more than four gun dogs into the state; and
 - c. Hosting field trials that use live wild birds.

2. The application for the permit must be in a form prescribed by the director and must be accompanied by the appropriate fee.
3. Upon the receipt of the completed application and fee the director shall issue a permit for a specified period of time and shall require the permit holder to submit an annual report.
4. The fees for the permits are:
 - a. For a resident professional gun dog trainer for training exercises or hosting field trials, ~~ten~~twenty dollars.
 - b. For a nonresident professional or amateur gun dog trainer who brings more than four gun dogs into the state for training exercises or hosting field trials, one hundred dollars.
 - c. ~~For a permit to a nonresident amateur who brings more than four gun dogs into this state, twenty five dollars.~~
5. For purposes of this section, a professional trainer is a person who trains any breed of gun dog for remuneration that is the basis for that person's livelihood.

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CHAPTER 225

SENATE BILL NO. 2245

(Senators Dwyer, Conley, Wanzek)
(Representatives Dockter, J. Olson)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 20.1-04-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the use of blinds, boats, and decoys in taking ducks and geese.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 20.1-04-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

20.1-04-11. Blinds, boats, and decoys lawfully usable in taking ducks and geese.

Wild ducks and geese may be taken:

1. In the open or from a stationary natural or artificial blind or other place of concealment on land or water, except a sinkbox.
2. From a floating craft, excluding a sinkbox, if ~~such the floating~~ craft is ~~beached~~:
 - a. Beached, or fastened within or tied immediately alongside any type of fixed hunting blind, ~~or from such craft resting~~;
 - b. Resting at anchor if authorized by governor's proclamation;
 - c. Without a motor, propelled exclusively by paddle, oars, or pole; or
 - d. With a motor, if the craft is at rest and the motor has been turned off.
3. With the aid of artificial decoys. The use, directly or indirectly, of live duck or goose decoys is not permitted.

A motorboat, sailboat, or other craft may be used to pick up dead or injured birds. An individual may not shoot from a motorboat, sailboat, or other craft except as provided in this section.

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CHAPTER 226**SENATE BILL NO. 2137**

(Senators Boehm, Thomas, Patten)
(Representatives Koppelman, Novak, Tveit)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the use of supplemental feed for hunting; and to provide an expiration date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 20.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Hunting big game animals using supplemental feed not prohibited or restricted.

The department may not adopt a rule or implement a policy prohibiting or restricting the use of supplemental feed on private property for hunting a big game animal.

SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE. This Act is effective through July 31, 2029, and after that date is ineffective.

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CHAPTER 227

HOUSE BILL NO. 1094

(Representatives J. Olson, D. Anderson, Kempenich, Nehring, Novak, Pyle, Schauer,
Swiontek)
(Senators Kessel, Patten, Thomas)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 20.1-05.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to discretionary special allocation hunting licenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 20.1-05.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

20.1-05.1-02. Discretionary special allocation hunting license authorization.

1. Subject to the restrictions under this section and in addition to the special allocation licenses authorized under section 20.1-05.1-01, if determined appropriate by the director based on the sustainability of the species population, the director may issue to eligible organizations the following annual special allocation hunting licenses:
 - a. Not more than two elk licenses, but the total issued under this subdivision may not exceed two percent of the general lottery allocation of elk licenses for the season.
 - b. Not more than two moose licenses, but the total issued under this subdivision may not exceed two percent of the general lottery allocation of moose licenses for the season.
 - c. Not more than two antelope licenses, but the total issued under this subdivision may not exceed two percent of the general lottery allocation of antelope licenses for the previous season.
 - d. Not more than ten white-tailed deer licenses.
2. An eligible organization may apply annually to be considered for issuance of up to two special allocation hunting licenses under this section. Applications under this subsection must be filed at the times, in the manner, and containing the information required by rules adopted by the director. If more applications are filed than the number of licenses under this section available for that species for a season, the director shall determine by lottery which organizations will receive the available licenses.
3. An eligible organization that obtains a license under this section and conducts a raffle or auction to determine the recipient of the license must conduct the raffle or auction in compliance with rules adopted by the director. An eligible organization that obtains a license under this section shall submit reports concerning a raffle or auction as the director requires. An individual may apply to receive an elk or moose license through a raffle or auction under this section as well as through the game and fish department general lottery. If an

individual receives an elk or moose license under this section, the individual is not eligible to receive an elk or moose license through the game and fish department general lottery that year and may not obtain an elk or moose license under section 20.1-05.1-01 that year. If an individual receives an elk or moose license under section 20.1-05.1-01, the individual is not eligible to receive an elk or moose license under this section that year.

4. An individual who has been convicted of illegally taking a moose, elk, or bighorn sheep is not eligible to apply for or receive a license under this section.
5. For purposes of this section, "eligible organization" means an organization that:
 - a. Is exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code [26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3); 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(19)] and provides with its application a copy of the letter from the internal revenue service to that effect; ~~;~~
 - b. Is on file as a nonprofit corporation in good standing in the office of the secretary of state; ~~;~~
 - c. Agrees in its application to contribute at least ~~ten~~twenty percent of the net proceeds of any raffle of a license under this section to a conservation-related project to be conducted in this state and approved by the director; and
 - d. Is not the recipient of a special allocation hunting license under section 20.1-05.1-01.

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