

House Energy and Natural Resources Committee
69th Legislative Session
Representative Porter-Chair

Chairman Porter and House Energy and Natural Resources Committee,

Please accept this testimony in support of HB 1094.

Intent of this bill:

Allow eligibility for Veteran Service Organizations to apply to be considered for issuance of up to two special allocation hunting licenses as other non-profits are eligible.

Background:

- Currently NDCC 20.1-05.1-02 **Discretionary special allocation hunting license authorization**, allows a federal income tax exempt organization under 24 U.S.C. 501 (c)(3) to apply for up to two special allocation hunting licenses.
- NDCC 20.1-05.1-02 allows ND Game and Fish to determine, by lottery if necessary, the non-profit organizations applying for special allocation hunting licenses which will receive up to 2 licenses for,
 - No more than
 - 2 elk licenses
 - 2 moose licenses
 - 2 antelope licenses
 - No more than
 - 10 white-tailed deer licenses
- Recipients of the allocated hunting licenses may sell or raffle licenses to raise funds for their organization and/or programs.

Need for bill:

- Veteran Service Organizations are under 24 U.S.C. 501 (c)(19) and currently not eligible.
- Veteran Service Organizations should be eligible to participate in this program.

Outcome of bill:

- Will allow Veteran Service Organizations to participate, if they chose, in this program.
- This bill would also open the eligibility to other non-profits such as 501(c)(4) which are community service oriented.

Fiscal note:

None expected.

Thank you for your consideration.

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