

House Bill No. 1598
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Energy & Natural Resources Committee

Chairman Porter

Testimony submitted by Derrik Ellingson

As an avid hunter & landowner I'm writing today to testify on house bill 1598 pertaining to section 20.1-01-07. I grew up in MN and have now lived in ND since 2010. I've enjoyed the hunting this great state has to offer and happy to call ND home. I reside in Reiles Acres ND with my wife and 2 daughters. It had been a blessing to coach and mentor my 12-year-old and help her enjoy the outdoors and introduce her to hunting. What a proud dad moment to watch her harvest her first doe during this year's youth season. I was unfamiliar with ND atv/utv laws until this fall when it was brought to my attention that I can't use it to access my private property during the big game season other than to retrieve a harvested animal. Coming from MN and hunting most of the surrounding states I thought how this could be. I read the section pertaining to motor driven vehicle use and what an unclear gray rule it was. I have read and reviewed the Amendment to HB 1598 and feel this a great step in the right direction for landowners and hunters hunting private land to use a motor driven vehicle while hunting. I ask the committee to support HB 1598.

Thanks

Derrik Ellingson

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