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2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1317

House Natural Resources Committee

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Hearing Date: January 21, 2005

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Vice Chr. Porter: Opened the hearing on HB 1317. Roll was taken,))) , Bill was read aloud.

Rep. Rep. Jon O. Nelson: Introduced bill - (Written testimony attached.)

V. Chr. Porter: There are some technical things in the bill that probably should be addressed. In the first part of the bill, we talk about just white tail deer and there are a lot of tags issued across the state that for any antlered deer. Is it your intention to amend that so that the fee for any antlered deer goes to \$20 so it covers both white tail and mule deer tags.

Nelson: The interest in the bill came from an area of primarily white tail deer. I have no objection to including mule deer in the bill, but I didn't do that because I didn't confer with the people from the western part of the state. I thought that by limiting it to white tail it would take that issue off the table. I am certainly open to that possibility if that is desirable.

V. Chr. Porter: In regards to the limiting of two antlered white tail deer licenses, currently, I know of individuals who have had up to three or four licenses if they were available over the counter. I don't believe that it was the intention of the bill to limit that current practice.

Nelson: No it wasn't. In fact it was a provision that Rep. Hanson actually thought of and the intent is for that to take place in the first draw. All available licenses would still be available after those drawings.

V. Chr. Porter: Any questions for Rep. Nelson? Seeing none, thank you.

Rep. Hanson, Jamestown: I have some amendments that I will read and bring up later when we discuss the bill. On Line 8, change "\$20" to "\$30." Omit Line 12. In Line 13, remove "whitetail." Omit Line 18 & 19. The reason that I am on this bill is because it is similar to the bill I asked to be killed yesterday. We're getting a big harvest on all bucks and I think we have to put a little difference in the price of licenses to allow the meat hunters to get a \$10 license. It will take the pressure off bucks and put it on the does.

Rep. Norland: I like the idea of the bill, but I see a problem if it's just going to be for white tail bucks. You haven't incorporated mule deer, have you?

Rep. Hanson: I changed the \$20 to \$30 and on Line 12, removed the whitetail all together.

V. Chr. Porter: Under the proposed amendment it would then be "any antlered license."

Rep. Norland: That would clarify it. If it isn't that way, we're going to get more people applying for the mulies. If we raised the mule deer license to \$50. That might lessen the hunt.

Rep. Hanson: We can discuss that. I'm asking to put this in a subcommittee.

V. Chr. Porter: Any questions for Rep. Hanson?

Rep. Nelson: Your first amendment would produce a negative fiscal note on the bill. Does that have any consideration in support or opposition of this bill, in your opinion?

Rep. Hanson: It's going up \$10, from \$20 to \$30. The does go down to \$10. It should be a wash.

Rep. Nelson: I would like to ask the Game & Fish Dept. their opinion of the fiscal impact of that change.

Mr. Link, ND Game & Fish: Initially there would probably be a reduction in revenue because we have more antlerless licenses, but as we move towards our goals, it would be more revenue neutral.

V. Chr. Porter: Mr. Link, could you take a copy of the amendment and prepare an addendum to it, that if adopted, what the fiscal impact would be?

Rep. DeKrey: Does the G & F Dept. endorse this bill or are you just giving us information?

Link: I'm just giving you information. We are not opposed. There may actually be some positives to it. If we do some competition on the antler tag and reduce the license fee on the antler list tag which we are pushing strongly. We would like to see it deal with both species, mule deer and white tail. It would be problematic if it didn't. It needs to be for multiple tags, not limited to one license. We have a need for multiple tags right now with the high deer population.

V. Chr. Porter: Thank you, Mr. Link. Any further questions for Rep. Hanson? Any further testimony to support HB 1317?

Dennis Daniel: I support the bill with a little tweaking. On Line 9, after the words "age 16, handicapped, and senior citizens," handicapped should be defined by the same definition that the VA uses that defines someone who is 45% or more disabled and a senior citizen to be over the age of 62 to 65. The committee could probably work that out. This would comply with some of the regulations of other states, at least in Montana. I believe at age 63 in Montana, you get a reduction in your game license to hunt elk for \$4 rather than \$19 or \$17. In other states when you harvest a whitetail doe, you get a stamp to validate a buck tag. The \$40 jump is too much.

In the last session, when we dropped the nonresident fee on the second and third drawings, it went from \$150 plus the \$5 habitat fee to \$50. Then, I advocated that we drop our resident tag in a corresponding amount which at that time would have been \$7.50. It didn't seem to meet much enthusiasm from the committee. When I read the bill and looked at the sponsors I thought it was a good bill but I wondered where there change was from two years ago when I advocated the same principle or reducing the fee. I also advocated the same principle at a legislative meeting that Mr. Bob Schaible put on at the Elks. Most of the area candidates attended that meeting and I advocated this there, too. I'm glad to see it brought up.

V. Chr. Porter: Questions of Mr. Daniel? Is there further support of HB 1317?

Larry Lewis, Pres. ND Quality Deer Management: I ask for support of this bill, feel it opens up some antler tags because at \$30-40 each we hope that people will stop applying for Grandma and Grandpa and let the tags go to a guy who wants to hunt a buck. We also hope this will eliminate some little bucks being wasted. If you're spending \$40 you won't waste it on a spike.

V. Chr. Porter: Any questions for Mr. Lewis?

Rep. Nottestad: Based on what you said, wouldn't it be better to raise to \$100 or \$200?

Lewis: I can't answer to the cost. I talk to a lot of hunters at Park River in my area of ND, and asked how they felt because they like to hunt bucks. They said it was cheaper than the tank of gas they put in to go hunting.

Nottestad: I'm sure you said it would eliminate the people applying for each other. Wouldn't increasing it even more do a better job of doing that?

Lewis: I think you're right but I'm not recommending going higher than \$40. The June application was at about 80% of bucks. That's what we want to eliminate. We want buck tags to go to buck hunters.

V. Chr. Porter: Are there further questions? How many are left to support this bill? How many in opposition?

Lyle Pelz, landowner: I support this bill, would like to see it increased to \$40. I think that would eliminate the guys meat hunting and shooting bucks.

V. Chr. Porter: Are there further questions? Testimony in opposition of HB 1317?

Mike Donahue, ND Wildlife Federation: (Written testimony attached) Do Not Support.

V. Chr. Porter: Are there further questions? Testimony in opposition of HB 1317?

Harold Neameyer, Cass County Wildlife Club: (Written testimony attached) Much of what we opposed was taken out by the amendment. The group felt the \$40 tag was high if you have a family group with 4-5 teenagers. Will they buy into \$30, I don't know. I'd like to see Game & Fish being as flexible as they can. The club also expressed what is the real benefit to changing. They were happy with the way it was before. I need to take this back to see how the club stands.

V. Chr. Porter: Any questions? Further testimony in opposition?

David Munsch: I would hunt the deer if ... then I'd go buy a tag. If you have a deer management thing, you should have it after they come into the hay yard.

V. Chr. Porter: We have to stop the hearing. Is there anybody here who did not have a chance to testify who was opposed to this bill? Seeing none, we'll close the hearing on HB 1317.

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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House Natural Resources Committee

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Chr. Nelson: Let's take up HB 1317.

Rep. Hanson: I compared the resident license for different states and see that we are quite low in most of them. On the Colorado one, there is a written number that is a proposal that they are changing to this year. I don't know if we want to change the \$40 as the fee in this bill. We do need to deal with the mule deer; it has to be separated. My proposal, Line 8, I changed the \$20 to \$30. That takes *all* big game license up to \$30 with the exception of antlerless deer down to \$10.

Chr. Nelson: You didn't have the amendment drawn up, did you?

Rep. Hanson: I just read them the other day.

Chr. Nelson: Committee, I have no problem with the proposed amendment by Rep. Hanson regarding everything but the price of the antlered license. If we go to \$30, and \$10 for an antlerless, there is going to be a decreased revenue for the Department. I didn't ask for a revised fiscal note because we haven't passed an amendment. There would be a \$400,000 decrease for the Department. My intention was to keep this revenue neutral or at least as close to (the original) as possible. I would like to see us at least stay at that level. I think we can achieve that

level at \$35. The Department wants to lower the number of licenses and feel they will be able to do that at some point, and get down to about 100,000 licenses.

Rep. Hanson: It'll be a wash once they get it down because it should equalize the doe/buck licenses.

Rep. DeKrey: We're doing this to put more pressure on does, right?

Chr. Nelson: That's correct.

DeKrey: How long does it take to get revenue neutral at \$30?

Hanson: One bad winter.

Chr. Nelson: The Department really didn't say during the testimony. They said that was what their long term goal would be.

DeKrey: Do you think \$35 would work?

Chr. Nelson: I think that would meet or be closer at \$35. If the amendment that is offered, passes, we can get an updated fiscal note.

Rep. Norland: Maybe we should leave does right where they're at, just raise the fawns. People are buying doe licenses now. Then we wouldn't mess with the fiscal note at all, in fact, decrease it.

Chr. Nelson: The idea behind this bill was to provide the intent for people to apply for more doe licenses.

Norland: This year if you got doe tags for \$20, you could get a second for \$10?

Hanson: No, \$20.

Norland: If we do that, leave it at \$20 the first round and drop it to \$10 for the second round.

Rep. Porter: That provision is in there. If there are remaining tags left after Sept. 1, they can drop the price to free if they wanted to get rid of them. The provision, on Line 14, allows the Department more flexibility than they have every had in the issuance of license. The big question comes up, are we trying to make money, are we trying to put pressure on taking does, are trying to stay resident-neutral and put the pressure on doe license. My position was to make this revenue neutral.

Rep. Hanson: South Dakota is at \$35, New Mexico is at \$32, and Wyoming is at \$35.

Chr. Nelson: Is that antlered *and* antlerless?

Hanson: In South Dakota you can get two. You can get one buck and a doe for \$45, or a single one for \$35. SD has many different types of licenses.

Rep. Porter: I have a question for Rep. Hanson before we get into the amendment. You talked about mule deer. I was looking at it as removing the word "whitetail" on Line 12-13, so that all tags would go the same direction. Is that what you were thinking?

Hanson: Yes.

Porter: I would move an amended on Line 8 to change the word "\$20" to "\$30;" Line 12, overstrike the word "whitetail" and change the word "\$40" to "\$35"; on Line 13, overstrike the word "whitetail," and remove all of Section 2, starting on Line 16.

Hanson: If you change Line 8, \$20 to \$30, that means moose, and the whole works goes up to \$30.

Porter: I'll start over. the amendment would be: Line 12, overstrike the word "whitetail," and change the word \$40 to \$35; on Line 13, overstrike the word "whitetail"; starting on Line 16 through 19, remove Section 2 of the bill.

Nottestad: Why ... (can't understand the tape)

Porter: The leftover licenses in the problem areas have always been whitetail. They have always been in the middle and eastern part of the state that the Director may need to entice people to reduce the fee. I left mule deer alone in that reduction because there has never been a problem getting rid of those tags. Now, there should be even less of a problem because we've reduced it from \$20 to \$10.

Nottestad: If I remember, some of those units have excess mule deer.

Hanson: They go on the second round.

Chr. Nelson: This was a provision that the Game & Fish Department asked to have included in the legislation so they would have more flexibility in localized problems. I agree with Rep. Porter that the mule deer population isn't the problem. It's the whitetail population. They wouldn't have the discretion to do that.

Rep. Charging: Why do you want to remove Section 2?

Chr. Nelson: I think the confusion that came up in the testimony was that if somebody would apply for two antlerless licenses, that they wouldn't be eligible for other drawings. From a practical standpoint, if they get one license antlerless license in the first drawing that they would be available for more in the second and third drawings. I think it's a needless inclusion. Do you agree with that, Rep. Hanson?

Hanson: No. In certain units now people have bought 3-4 licenses.

Nottestad: Everything in Section 2 is really in Section 1.

Chr. Nelson: But Section 2 was allowing two licenses on the first drawing. That is removed. Is there any further discussion.

Rep. Drovdal: Did you also change Line 8 to be \$35?

Chr. Nelson: It stays at \$20. Further discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, I will call for a voice vote. Motion carried, unanimous. What is the committee's wishes?

Rep. Nottestad: Move a **Do Pass as Amended**.

Rep. Hanson: Second.

Rep. Drovdal: Question, if we pass this bill, for those of you that remember to send in your deer applications, you send in a check for antlered deer, \$35, and put your second choice as a doe; for everyone who doesn't get their antlered deer the Game & Fish would be required to send out a refund check.

Porter: That is correct.

Chr. Nelson: Further discussion? Rep. Charging, \$20 check would be required on the application; if you get drawn for a doe license you would get a \$10 refund, the way I understand it.

Rep. Drovdal: I would think that if you send in for an antlerless whitetail deer you would have to send \$35 with the application and they would send you \$20 back for the second choice.

Chr. Nelson: You may be right.

Drovdal: I don't know what the \$20 is for.

Chr. Nelson: Antlerless licenses. Further discussion? Seeing none, call the roll for

Do Pass as Amended: Vote: 12-Yeas; 1-Nays; 1-Absent; Carrier: Clark

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
03/15/2005

Amendment to: Engrossed
 HB 1317

1A. State fiscal effect: *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

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Appropriations					

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The reduction in price for the antlerless whitetailed deer licenses reduces revenue by \$800,000 per year based on 80,000 antlerless licenses per year.

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

Some modifications will have to be made to the deer license lottery computer program to provide refund for unsuccessful antlered license applicants who will be issued a \$25 refund if they get an antlerless tag. There will also be the annual costs of issuing additional refund checks.

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

Name: Paul Schadewald
Phone Number: 328-6328

Agency: ND Game and Fish Department
Date Prepared: 03/15/2005

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Name: Paul T. Schadewald
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Agency: ND Game and Fish Department
Date Prepared: 03/08/2005

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02/07/2005

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This bill increases the fee for antlered whitetail deer hunting licenses from \$20 to \$40 and decreases the fee for antlerless whitetail license from \$20 to \$10. The price for mule deer licenses remains at \$20.

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The \$20 increase for the whitetail antlered licenses will produce about \$800,000 dollars in additional revenue per year. This uses 40,000 as the total number of licenses involved and assumes that both whitetail buck and any antlered licenses have a \$40 fee.

The reduction in price for the antlerless whitetailed deer licenses reduces revenue by \$800,000 based on 80,000 licenses per year. The increase in fees for antlered whitetail licenses is offset by the fee reduction for antlerless licenses. The bill is revenue neutral based on 2004 license numbers.

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Agency: ND Game and Fish Department
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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1317

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Hold for Amend.

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House NATURAL RESOURCES Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number : 50559.0101 Title: .0200

Action Taken : No Pass as Amended

Motion Made By : Nottestad Seconded By : Hanson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman - Rep. Jon O. Nelson	✓		Rep. Lyle Hanson	✓	
Vice Chairman - Todd Porter	✓		Rep. Bob Hunsakor	✓	
Rep. Dawn Marie Charging	✓		Rep. Scot Kelsh	✓	
Rep. Donald L. Clark	✓		Rep. Dorvan Solberg		Absent
Rep. Duane DeKrey	✓				
Rep. David Drovdal		✓			
Rep. Dennis Johnson	✓				
Rep. George J. Keiser	✓				
Rep. Mike Norland	✓				
Rep. Darrell D. Nottestad	✓				

Total (Yes) 12 No 1

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Clark.

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent: See minutes

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1317: Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Nelson, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 1 NAY, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1317 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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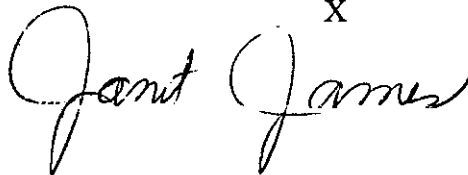
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Hearing Date March 3, 2005

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Minutes:

Senator Stanley Lyson, Chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee opened the hearing on HB 1317 relating to big game hunting license fees.

All members of the committee were present.

Representative Jon Nelson of District 7 introduced HB 1317 (See attached testimony).

Senator Lyson asked how many antler deer licenses are sold now.

Representative Nelson stated that the original fiscal note was based on this years all time high licenses of 80,000 antler deer.

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Discussion of the fiscal note was held by the committee.

Representative Nelson stated something was needed to promote doe hunting in the state and the \$10.00 provision does this for the first license and also for the hunter to apply for the second and third or more licenses.

Senator Joel Heitkamp asked if in applying for a buck license and receiving a doe license as a second choice - send in \$35.00 and don't get the buck license will the North Dakota State Game and Fish Department refund the difference when the department sends the doe license.

Representative Nelson confirmed this to be the process.

Senator Lyson reported to the committee that Senator David O'Connell could not testify before the committee but wanted to express his support of HB 1317.

Representative Lyle Hanson of District 12 cosponsor of HB 1317 testified this bill will take some pressure off of the bucks and the meat eaters will have more opportunities for the doe deer. This will also help reduce with the amount of road kill.

Dennis Daniels on his own behalf testified in support of HB 1317 stating he wanted to submit an amendment (See attached). This amendment would add senior citizens and the handicapped and their definitions.

Brian Kramer representing the North Dakota Farm Bureau testified in support of HB 1317 stating that it is their policy that any excess deer licenses that are available should be provided at a reduced fee. He did state they have a problem with the increased fee and that it should stay at the \$20.00.

Senator John Traynor asked Representative Nelson about the fiscal note, who admitted he did not understand it as there were discrepancies in the bill and the fiscal note. He referred the question to the game and fish department. **Representative Nelson** further stated his intent was

not to increase or decrease the revenue from the department, although the \$5.00 difference would have an impact but not \$400,000.00.

Lyle Peltz own his on behalf testified in support of HB 1317 stating that if the committee wanted to make the revenue neutral, charge \$45.00 for the buck license and \$15.00 for the doe license.

Roger Rostvet, Deputy Director of the North Dakota State Game and Fish Department testified the neutral position of the department. The fiscal note is based upon the assumption the bow hunting licenses remain the same. The fiscal note reflects the fact that 75% of the buck tags and 25% doe tags are reserved for gratis licenses. This is based on the past 20 year history. Of the 13,000 gratis licenses, 10, 000 of those were for bucks. With the all time high of 146, 000 last year , the \$400,00.00 is generous. He further stated that as far as game management, there are only a few units where it has been difficult to sell license, so this would benefit these areas.

Senator Lyson asked if it would be helpful to the North Dakota State Game and Fish Department to amend the bill to say "big game gun license" to clear up the bowhunting issue.

Roger Rostvet confirmed the amendment would be very helpful to clear up the issue.

Senator Lyson asked for testimony in opposition to HB 1317.

David Munsch on his on behalf testified in opposition to HB 1317, but would go along with the amendment as proposed by Dennis Daniels. He further commented that if it is not broken - why fix it. He is ready to move to Montana because he is turned off by the money issue attached to hunting.

Mike Donahue (15.5) representing the North Dakota Wildlife Federation and the United Sportsmen of North Dakota testified in opposition to HB 1317 stating the amendment with the gun would eliminate one point of opposition. He further suggested to allow the North Dakota

State Game and Fish Department the power with perimeters set by the legislature, to set the fee of licenses according to the biology of the herd.

Harold Neameyer representing the Cass County Wildlife Club testified in opposition to HB 1317 (See attached testimony). He further stated the club would support the concept of allowing the North Dakota State Game and Fish Department to set the fee price of licenses according to the biology of the herd.

Senator Traynor asked Roger Rostvet if the North Dakota State Game and Fish Department would be in favor of letting the legislature set the perimeters of the department and allow them to set the fees of licenses.

Roger Rostvet answered that would be a radical change in political policy that an agency would set it's own fees. The legislature has ultimately the control over the budget for the department and that has served the department well in the past.

Mike McEnroe representing the North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society testified in opposition of HB 1317 stating the amendments mentioned have will make some clarification in the bill. He asked if muzzleloaders were included in these fees and that there were no species listed in the bill.

Roger Rostvet said they would prefer a one size fits all instead of many different types of licenses and that muzzleloader could be an option either way.

Testimony in opposition to HB 1317 by **Rod Gilmore**, a North Dakota deer hunter was distributed to the committee (See attached tesimony)

Senator Lyson closed the hearing on HB 1317.

Tape 2, Side A, 43.8 -end

Senator Stanley Lyson opened the committee work on HB 1317.

Senator Michael Every made a motion to amend HB 1317 to insert the word "gun" inserted after the word "game" on Line 6.

Senator Joel Heitkamp second the motion.

Discussion was held by the committee if muzzleloaders would be included in the \$35.00 license fee and if muzzleloaders should be included in the bill.

Senator Heitkamp further amended HB 1317 to add the exemption of muzzleloaders in his motion for the amendment.

Roll call vote #1 for adoption of the amendment to HB 1317 was taken by voice vote indicating 7YEAS, 0NAYS AND 0 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Senator Lyson asked the committee to consider amendments as presented by Dennis Daniels and hearing no support, dismissed the amendment.

Senator Every made a motion for a Do Pass as Amended and rereferred to Appropriations of HB 1317.

Senator Heitkamp second the motion.

Tape #2, Side B, 0.0 - 1.8

Roll call vote #2 for a Do Pass as Amended and rereferred to Appropriations of HB 1317 was taken indicating 6 YEAS, 1 NAYS AND 0 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Senator Lyson will carry HB 1317.

Note: HB 1317 was not rereferred to Appropriations

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1317

Senate Natural Resources Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 10, 2005

Tape Number
3

Side A
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Side B

Meter #
3.8 - 12.3

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

Senator Stanley Lyson, Chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee opened committee work on HB 1317 relating to big game hunting licenses.

All members of the committee were present except **Senator Joel Heitkamp**.

Senator Lyson announced to the committee that HB 1317 has been brought back to the committee because the amendment verbiage was not placed in the correct line of the bill as had been amended by the committee.

The engrossed version of the amendment was distributed to the committee that contained the amendment as was asked by the North Dakota State Game and Fish Department.

Discussion was held as to the process of removing the previous adopted amendment in order to adopt the "engrossed" amendment.

Senator Rich Wardner made a motion to reconsider the committee's action on HB 1317.

Senator Michael Every second the motion.

Roll call vote #1 for reconsideration of HB 1317 was taken by voice vote indicating 6 YEAS 0 NAYS AND 1 ABSENT.

Senator Wardner made a motion to reconsider the committee's action to adopt the amendment for HB 1317.

Senator Layton Freborg second the motion.

Roll call vote #2 to reconsider the committee's action to adopt the amendment on HB 1317, was taken by voice vote indicating 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS AND 1 ABSENT.

Discussion was held about the new proposed amendment and that they were what the North Dakota State Game and Fish Department had proposed.

Senator Wardner made a motion to adopt the amendment #3 as indicated on the distributed amendment.

Senator Every second the amendment.

Roll call vote #3 to adopt amendment #3 was taken by voice vote indicating 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS AND 1 ABSENT.

Senator Freborg stated he has received many communications on the price of additional doe licenses and that several have suggested to just give the license away in order to help control the deer population.

Senator Every commented that this same discussion is held every session about reducing the deer population and to just give the license away if necessary.

Roll call vote #3 for adoption of amendment #3 was taken by voice vote indicating 5 YEAS, 1 NAYS AND 1 ABSENT.

Senator John Traynor asked if we are trying to reduce the population of deer, why raise the license fee.

Senator Lyson commented that raising the buck license would bring out those hunters that want just the bucks for trophies. The rest are meat hunters and does not think this bill make a difference in the doe population one bit.

Senator Wardner agrees that it will not make much difference in the population and the North Dakota State Game and Fish Department would not seem to need the revenue.

Senator Freborg made a motion for Do Not Pass as Amended on HB 1317.

Senator Traynor second the motion.

Senator Every stated the sponsors are trying to do something about the deer population and something needs to be done. If giving away is what it takes that is okay.

Senator Lyson stated he agrees that something needs to be done but this bill is not the vehicle to do it.

Roll call vote #4 for a Do Not Pass as Amended of HB 1317 was taken indicating 5 YEAS, 1 NAY AND 1 ABSENT.

Senator Lyson will carry HB 1317.

Date: 3-3-05
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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Senate Senate Natural Resources

Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number

Action Taken

Motion Made By

*gun amendment between game & hunting
after license - except muzzle loader*
Every Seconded By *Heitkamp*

Senators
Senator Stanley Lyson, Chairman
Senator Ben Tollefson, Vice Chair
Senator Layton Freborg
Senator Rich Wardner
Senator John Traynor

Yes No

Senators
Senator Joel Heitkamp
Senator Michael Every

Yes No

[Signature]

Total (Yes)

17

No

0

Absent

0

Floor Assignment

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 3-3
Roll Call Vote #: 2

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Senate Senate Natural Resources

Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number

Action Taken

Do Pass as Amended + ~~Referred~~

Motion Made By

Gray

Seconded By

Hickman

Senators
Senator Stanley Lyson, Chairman
Senator Ben Tollefson, Vice Chair
Senator Layton Freborg
Senator Rich Wardner
Senator John Traynor

Yes **No**
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

Senators
Senator Joel Heitkamp
Senator Michael Every

Yes **No**
✓
✓

Total (Yes)

6

No

1

Absent

0

Floor Assignment

Lyson

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 4, 2005 12:27 p.m.

Module No: SR-40-4179
Carrier: Lyson
Insert LC: 50559.0201 Title: .0300

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1317, as engrossed: Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Lyson, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1317 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 6, after "game" insert "gun" and after "license" insert "other than a muzzleloader license"

Renumber accordingly

Date: 3-10-05
Roll Call Vote #: 1.

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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Senate Senate Natural Resources

Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number

Action Taken

Reconsider committee action on AB1317

Motion Made By

Wardner

Seconded By

Every

Senators
Senator Stanley Lyson, Chairman
Senator Ben Tollefson, Vice Chair
Senator Layton Freborg
Senator Rich Wardner
Senator John Traynor

Yes No

Senators
Senator Joel Heitkamp
Senator Michael Every

Yes No

Noted

Total (Yes)

6

No

0

Absent

1

Floor Assignment

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 3-10-05
Roll Call Vote #: 2

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Senate Senate Natural Resources

Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number

Action Taken To reconsider action whereby the committee amended
AB 1317

Motion Made By Wardner Seconded By Freborg

Senators	Yes	No
Senator Stanley Lyson, Chairman		
Senator Ben Tollefson, Vice Chair		
Senator Layton Freborg		
Senator Rich Wardner		
Senator John Traynor		

Senators	Yes	No
Senator Joel Heitkamp		
Senator Michael Every		

Total (Yes)

6

No

0

Absent

1

Floor Assignment

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 3-10-05
Roll Call Vote #: 3

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number

Action Taken

To adopt A as A #3

Motion Made By

Wardner

Seconded By

Craig

Senators
Senator Stanley Lyson, Chairman
Senator Ben Tollefson, Vice Chair
Senator Layton Freborg
Senator Rich Wardner
Senator John Traynor

Yes No

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

Senators
Senator Joel Heitkamp
Senator Michael Every

Yes No

✓

✓

Notice

Total (Yes)

5

No

1

Absent

1

Floor Assignment

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 3-10-05
Roll Call Vote #: 4/

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1317

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Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number

Action Taken

Do Not Pass as Amended

Motion Made By

Freborg

Seconded By

Traynor

Senators
Senator Stanley Lyson, Chairman
Senator Ben Tollefson, Vice Chair
Senator Layton Freborg
Senator Rich Wardner
Senator John Traynor

Yes No
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

Senators
Senator Joel Heitkamp
Senator Michael Every

Yes No
✓

Total (Yes)

12 5 No

Absent

Floor Assignment

1
Lyson

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1317, as engrossed and amended: Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Lyson, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO NOT PASS (5 YEAS, 1 NAY, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1317, as amended, was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

In lieu of the amendments adopted by the Senate as printed on page 711 of the Senate Journal, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 1317 is amended as follows:

Page 1, line 6, after "license" insert "including an archery and a muzzleloader license"

Page 1, line 10, after "deer" insert "gun"

Page 1, line 11, after "deer" insert "gun"

Renumber accordingly

2005 TESTIMONY

HB 1317

Good morning again Mr. Vice Chair and House Natural Resource Committee, for the record I am Jon Nelson and I serve the 7th District in the North Dakota House of Representatives.

I am here this morning to introduce HB 1317 would add a new subsection in section 20.1-03-12 of the ND Century Code. This bill came to me from a constituent in my district and in my review of the concept, I learned that this same concept was brought up repeatedly at Game and Fish Advisory meeting across the state as well.

The proposed bill in Section 1 sets the fee for a antlered white-tailed deer license at \$40 for resident hunters. This would be a \$20 increase from current statute. Additionally, the fee for a antlerless white-tail license would be reduced to \$10 for each license. This would constitute a \$10 decrease from current statute. Further, it allows the director to reduce the fee for all remaining antlerless white-tail licenses after September 1. This provision was added to the bill at the request of the Game and Fish Department.

In Section 2 of the bill, up to 2 antlerless licenses would be available to each applicant if conditions would warrant at a cost of \$10 for each license.

The benefit of this legislation would allow those hunters that primarily hunt antlered deer to continue to apply for that opportunity. With the increased fee, those hunters would stand a better chance of receiving that license on a yearly basis. This legislation would also allow the hunter that primarily is hunting for food purposes to receive a license at a reduced cost and also on years of abundant numbers, an additional license.

With current deer numbers in most units, passage of this legislation would help to reduce deer numbers and allow the Game and Fish Department to better manage the deer herd across the state. With the number of vehicle accidents involving deer hits increasing each year, the increasing depredation damage to farmers and ranchers across the state, and the increasing possibility of catastrophic disease potential because of the high deer numbers, it is imperative that we do all we can to reduce the deer herd in this state and allow sportsmen and women increased opportunity to hunt the type of deer of their choice.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today and I would appreciate your consideration of a DO- PASS recommendation on HB 1317.

North Dakota Wildlife Federation

Abundant wildlife and wildlife habitat, and access to wildlife recreational opportunities

By: Mike Donahue



1/21/2005

For: House Natural Resources Committee

Ref: **HB1317**

The North Dakota Wildlife Federation and the United Sportsman of North Dakota **do not support** HB1317 in the original version.

We realize the passion of some for getting a "Antlered" license. Thus we can understand the desire to price out (maybe) those not totally dedicated.

However, when you consider that North Dakota hasn't used pricing to keep the resident out of the field; and considering the average annual income in the arena of \$24,000-\$27,000; you can see the effect on say, a family of three that hunts together.

Maybe now is the time to create a vision for management by objectives. For example, provide for the Game and Fish Department to manage by unit with pricing parameters. E.G. Antlered max \$100, minimum \$20. Antlerless \$20. max, \$5 minimum and so forth (for bow, muzzleloader, etc.).

Note: The bill does not address mule deer.

Be aware that we waivered between Neutral and Oppose and decided on Oppose.

Thank you,
Mike Donahue
Lobbyist #275



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By: Harold Neameyer



TESTIMONY OF HAROLD NEAMEYER
CASS COUNTY WILDLIFE CLUB
PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE

ON

HB 1317
JANUARY 20, 2005

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

The CCWC opposes this bill because it complicates the license fee process and makes it more difficult to manage.

The Club feels that the \$40 per buck license is excessive for those families that may have 3 or more applicants.

The Club does not see the need to change the fee structure and therefore opposes the bill.



Good morning again Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Natural Resource Committee, for the record I am Jon Nelson and I serve the 7th District in the North Dakota House of Representatives.

I am here this morning to introduce HB 1317 would add a new subsection in section 20.1-03-12 of the ND Century Code. This bill came to me from a constituent in my district and in my review of the concept, I learned that this same concept was brought up repeatedly at Game and Fish Advisory meeting across the state as well.

This engrossed bill in Section 1 sets the fee for a antlered white-tailed deer license at \$35 for resident hunters. This would be a \$15 increase from current statute. Additionally, the fee for a antlerless white-tail license would be reduced to \$10 for each license. This would constitute a \$10 decrease from current statute. Further, it allows the director to reduce the fee for all remaining antlerless white-tail licenses after September 1. This provision was added to the bill at the request of the Game and Fish Department.

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Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today and I would appreciate your consideration of a DO- PASS recommendation on HB 1317.

50559.0200 FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Fifty-ninth

Legislative Assembly

of North Dakota

Introduced by

Senators Erbele, O'Connell

20.1-08-04.1;

licenses.

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1317

Representatives Nelson, Hanson, Porter

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 20.1-03-12 of the North Dakota

Century Code, relating to big game hunting license fees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 3 of section 20.1-03-12 of the North Dakota

Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. For a resident big game hunting license, twenty dollars, except the fee for a

licensee under age sixteen. Senior citizen and handicapped is ten dollars

Senior citizen is described as over the age sixty two years of age.

Handicapped is described as 50% or more using the social security or veterans administrations guidelines, except as:

a. As provided in a gubernatorial proclamation issued pursuant to section 20.1-08-04.1

b. The fee for an antlered deer license is thirty-five dollars; and

c. The fee for an antlerless deer license is ten dollars. After September first, the

director may reduce the license fee for any remaining antlerless deer

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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1317

A BILL for an ACT to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 20.1-03-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to big game hunting license fees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA

Section 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 3 of section 20.1-03-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. For a resident big game hunting license; including archery and muzzleloader licenses, twenty dollars, except the fee for a licensee under age sixteen is ten dollars, except as:
 - a. As provided in gubernatorial proclamation issued pursuant to section 20.1-08-04.1;
 - b. The fee for an antlered deer gun license is thirty-five dollars; and
 - c. The fee for an antlerless deer gun license is ten dollars. After September first, the director may reduce the license fee for any remaining antlerless deer licenses.

*do pass 5-1
do not pass 5-1
amended 5-1
fischer - Troyan*



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**TESTIMONY OF HAROLD NEAMEYER
CASS COUNTY WILDLIFE CLUB
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
ON**

HB 1317

March 3, 2005

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

The Club opposes this bill because it does nothing to improve the current license fee structure. Fees should not be used as a method to discourage residents from applying. It may cause some young hunters with limited resources 16 years of age and up to perhaps not apply for a buck license. Do we really mean to do that.

There could be considerable confusion if the change is approved, for example, where do bow hunters fit in. Are muzzle loaders intended to be included?

In conclusion, the Club prefers to keep the current system.



Testimony on HB 1317 - Oppose

**From: Rod Gilmore
1313 16th St SE
Mandan, ND 58554**

To: Chairman Lyson and Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee

Chairman Lyson and members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments regarding HB 1317.

I am a resident deer hunter who has hunted deer in North Dakota for approximately 35 years. I oppose this bill for the following reasons.

1. While I understand the rationale of the sponsors of this bill and support those intentions to a degree, I do not feel the passage of this bill will result in the intended outcome, namely reducing the number of deer hunters who apply for an antlered license and an increase in those who apply for doe tags.
2. This bill has a negative fiscal note and will result in a minimum of a \$400,000 loss of income for the Game and Fish Department, money that could be spent on access or habitat programs. Administration of the refund process will also result in hidden administrative costs.
3. A family who deer hunts will be hit exceptionally hard with this increase. Though we still have the exemption for young deer hunters under the age of 16, a father with a 16 year old son and a 17 year old daughter would pay \$105 just to apply for their licenses. Though \$15 may not seem like a lot of money to many (this still is a 75% increase), I do know a number of hunting families who save and put aside money during the year just so they can hunt as a family come fall.
4. Inequity and unfairness in pricing of deer licenses. If I intend to hunt for a buck with a gun, my license is going to cost me

\$35. If I intend to hunt for a buck with a bow, my license is going to cost me \$20. Why should it be cheaper for a bow hunter than a gun hunter? Additionally, is it even legal to charge different resident hunting groups different fees. If your committee feels the value of an antlered license should be \$35, it should be \$35 for all resident buck hunters.

Basically the intent of the bill is to discourage people from applying for a buck tag because of the cost, so those who can afford it have a better chance at drawing a buck tag more frequently. Harvesting more does has very little to do with it. All that needs to be done is to give the Game & Fish Department the authority to reduce the price of the license at some point to make it easier to sell and leftover tags.

Thank you for your time and consideration.


Rod Gilmore