

SENATE BILL NO. 2048

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Judiciary B Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-03-07.1 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to a limitation on the number of nonresident waterfowl hunters.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-03-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code
5 is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **20.1-03-07.1. Nonresident waterfowl hunting license required.** Except as provided
7 in sections 20.1-03-07.2 and 20.1-03-07.3, a nonresident may not hunt waterfowl unless that
8 person first obtains a nonresident waterfowl hunting license, in addition to a nonresident small
9 game hunting license. The nonresident waterfowl hunting license entitles the nonresident to
10 hunt waterfowl for any period of fourteen consecutive days, any period of seven consecutive
11 days, or any two periods of seven consecutive days each. A license authorizing the
12 fourteen-day hunting period allows hunting in a specified waterfowl hunting zone. A license
13 authorizing one 7-day hunting period allows hunting statewide. A license authorizing two 7-day
14 hunting periods allows hunting in a specified zone during each period. The governor, in the
15 governor's proclamation, shall specify various waterfowl hunting zones for which nonresident
16 waterfowl hunting licenses will be available, and may specify the number of licenses which may
17 be issued in each zone and the manner in which they are to be issued. The number of
18 nonresident waterfowl hunting licenses issued is based on total hunting pressure. The
19 governor shall determine total hunting pressure by categorizing each year of the preceding
20 twenty-five years under dry, moderate, or wet wetland conditions and determining the average
21 number of resident and nonresident hunters for those years under each category. The
22 maximum number of nonresident waterfowl hunting licenses that may be issued is determined
23 by applying the appropriate category average to the expected current season's condition, then
24 subtracting from that average the previous season's number of resident hunters, and then

- 1 dividing that result by one and thirty-six hundredths. A nonresident is entitled to purchase only
- 2 one nonresident waterfowl hunting license per year.