

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1239  
(Representatives Hofstad, S. Meyer, Porter)  
(Senators Heckaman, Oehlke)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 20.1-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to posting of lands to prohibit hunting; and to provide a penalty.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**20.1-01-17. Posting of lands by owner ~~or tenant~~ to prohibit hunting - How posted - Signs defaced.**

1. Only the owner or tenant ~~or an individual authorized by the owner of any land~~ may post ~~it the land~~ by placing signs alongside the public highway or the land giving notice that ~~no~~ hunting is not permitted on the land. The name of the person posting the land must appear on each sign in legible characters. The signs must be readable from the outside of the land and must be placed conspicuously not more than eight hundred eighty yards [804.68 meters] apart. As to land entirely enclosed by a fence or other enclosure, posting of signs at or on all gates through the fence or enclosure constitutes a posting of all the enclosed land. ~~No~~
2. A person may ~~in any manner~~ not deface, take down, ~~or~~ destroy posting signs, or post property without the permission of the owner or tenant or an individual authorized by the owner.
3. Even if the conduct of the owner, tenant, or individual authorized by the owner varies from the provisions of subsection 1, an individual may be found guilty of violating section 20.1-01-18 if the owner, tenant, or individual authorized by the owner substantially complied with subsection 1 and notice against hunting or trespassing is clear from the circumstances.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1239.

House Vote:      Yeas    84      Nays    4      Absent    6

Senate Vote:    Yeas    46      Nays    0      Absent    1

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State