

HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Porter

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-03 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to provisional hunting licenses; to amend and reenact section
3 20.1-03-01.1, subsection 1 of section 20.1-03-11, subsection 3 of section 20.1-03-12, and
4 section 20.1-03-12.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to hunting licenses and
5 requirements; and to provide an appropriation.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-03-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code
8 is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **20.1-03-01.1. Director to appoint and train instructors - Prescribe course material**
10 **and classroom sites - Certify completion.** The director shall provide classroom instruction
11 on, and shall select, train, and certify persons or department personnel qualified to provide
12 instruction on, firearms and bow safety and hunter responsibility, and shall prescribe the course
13 material to be used, classroom locations, and the dates for teaching the course in this state.
14 The director shall also provide an on-line internet hunter education program for individuals age
15 18 and over to complete the hunter safety education requirement. The director shall authorize
16 the issuance of a certificate of completion to all persons satisfactorily completing the course.

17 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 20.1-03-11 of the North Dakota
18 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

19 1. ~~No person shall~~ An individual may not hunt, kill, take, or attempt to take any big
20 game without having the appropriate big game hunting license and a locking seal
21 bearing a number corresponding to the number of the big game hunting license or
22 stamp. The locking seal ~~shall~~ must be issued as an integral part of the big game
23 hunting license. ~~No person~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, and in
24 individual may not apply for or be issued a big game hunting license if that person's

1 fourteenth birthday does not occur on or before the opening date of the respective
2 big game hunting season. However, an individual may apply for and be issued a
3 deer hunting license if that person's twelfth birthday occurs on or before the
4 opening date of deer hunting season. This age limitation does not apply to
5 applicants for big game licenses for hunting by bow and arrow. Each violation of
6 this section ~~shall be~~ is a distinct and separate offense.

7 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 20.1-03-12 of the North Dakota
8 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 3. ~~For~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, for a resident big game
10 hunting license, twenty dollars, except the fee for a licensee under age sixteen is
11 ten dollars, except as provided in a gubernatorial proclamation issued pursuant to
12 section 20.1-08-04.1. there is no fee for a doe license issued to an individual
13 under age sixteen years of age.

14 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-03-12.1 of the North Dakota Century Code
15 is amended and reenacted as follows:

16 **20.1-03-12.1. Habitat restoration stamp required - Use of revenue - Land**
17 **purchases not allowed.** Except for licenses issued under section 20.1-03-07.3and as
18 otherwise provided in this section, a habitat restoration stamp is required for every resident and
19 nonresident general game license for which a stamp fee of ten dollars must be charged. There
20 is no fee for a habitat restoration stamp issued to a resident under sixteen years of age. The
21 habitat restoration stamp fee is in addition to the annual general game license fee charged
22 under section 20.1-03-12. Land may not be purchased with habitat restoration stamp moneys.
23 All moneys generated by habitat restoration stamp fees must be placed in the game and fish
24 private land habitat and access improvement fund with five dollars of the fee allocated to the
25 private land open to sportsmen program.

26 **SECTION 5.** A new section to chapter 20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
27 created and enacted as follows:

28 **Provisional license for hunters over 18 years of age.** The director shall establish a
29 provisional license for hunters over 18 years of age. A provisional license issued under this
30 section entitles an individual to hunt during any two seasons for which licenses are not issued
31 by lottery. An individual hunting with a provisional license issued under this section may only

1 hunt under the direct supervision of an individual over 18 years of age who has completed the
2 hunter safety education program under sections 20.1-03-01.1 through 20.1-03-01.2. The
3 director may not charge a fee for a provisional license issued under this section.

4 **SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - Grants.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in
5 the game and fish fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$60,000, or
6 so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the game and fish department for the purpose of
7 carrying out a grant program to encourage hunting by youths, for the biennium beginning July 1,
8 2009, and ending June 30, 2011. The director of the game and fish department may provide
9 grants under this program to local communities to fund shooting ranges and other related
10 activities to encourage hunting by youth.