

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Senator Krauter

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 an apprentice hunter program; and to amend and reenact section
3 20.1-03-01.3, subsection 1 of section 20.1-03-11, and subdivision 2 of section 20.1-04-07 of the
4 North Dakota Century Code, relating to hunter education and age requirements.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-03-01.3 of the North Dakota Century Code
7 is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **20.1-03-01.3. Exemptions.** Sections 20.1-03-01.1 ~~through 20.1-03-01.3~~ and
9 20.1-03-01.2 do not apply to:

- 10 1. ~~Persons~~ Individuals under twelve years of age who hunt only with their parent or
11 legal guardian.
- 12 2. ~~Persons~~ Individuals who hunt exclusively on land of which they are the record title
13 owner or operator.
- 14 3. Individuals who possess an apprentice hunter validation issued under section 3 of
15 this Act.

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

- 18 1. ~~No~~ A person ~~shall~~ may hunt, kill, take, or attempt to take any big game without
19 having the appropriate big game hunting license and a locking seal bearing a
20 number corresponding to the number of the big game hunting license or stamp.
21 The locking seal ~~shall~~ must be issued as an integral part of the big game hunting
22 license. ~~No person~~ Except as provided in section 3 of this Act, an individual may
23 not apply for or be issued a big game hunting license if that person's fourteenth
24 birthday does not occur on or before the opening date of the respective big game

1 hunting season. This age limitation does not apply to applicants for big game
2 licenses for hunting by bow and arrow. Each violation of this section ~~shall be~~ is a
3 distinct and separate offense.

4 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Apprentice hunter validation.** A resident born after December 31, 1961, who is aged
7 twelve or older and who does not possess a hunter safety education course certificate of
8 completion may be issued an apprentice hunter validation. An apprentice hunter validation is
9 valid for only one license year in a lifetime. An individual in possession of an apprentice hunter
10 validation may hunt small game and deer only when accompanied by an adult licensed to
11 hunt in this state whose license was not obtained using an apprentice hunter validation. An
12 apprentice hunter validation holder must obtain all required licenses and stamps. For purposes
13 of this section, "accompanied" means to stay within a distance of another individual that permits
14 uninterrupted visual contact in unaided verbal communication.

15 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 20.1-04-07 of the North Dakota
16 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

17 2. By proclamation the governor also may allow individuals who are first-time youth
18 spring wild turkey hunters to receive one spring wild turkey license valid for the
19 regular spring wild turkey season. ~~To~~ Except as provided in section 3 of this Act,
20 to be eligible to receive a spring wild turkey license, an individual must be fifteen
21 years of age or younger on the opening day of the spring wild turkey season and
22 have never received a spring wild turkey license.

23 The governor shall make available to residents and nonresidents any permits remaining after
24 the resident fall drawing.