

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2165
(Senators Krauter, Lyson)
(Representatives Damschen, DeKrey, Kerzman, Nottestad)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an apprentice hunter program; and to amend and reenact section 20.1-03-01.1 and subsection 1 of section 20.1-03-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to hunting licenses and requirements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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

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

1. ~~No person shall~~ An individual may not hunt, kill, take, or attempt to take any big game without having the appropriate big game hunting license and a locking seal bearing a number corresponding to the number of the big game hunting license or stamp. The locking seal ~~shall~~ must be issued as an integral part of the big game hunting license. ~~No person~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, an individual may not apply for or be issued a big game hunting license if that ~~person's~~ individual's fourteenth birthday does not occur on or before the opening date of the respective big game hunting season. This age limitation does not apply to applicants for big game licenses for hunting by bow and arrow. Each violation of this section ~~shall be~~ is a distinct and separate offense. The following provisions govern youth deer hunting:
 - a. An individual whose twelfth birthday occurs on or before the opening date of the youth deer hunting season but is younger than fourteen years of age is entitled to receive a statewide white-tailed antlerless deer permit but may hunt only in the youth deer hunting season.
 - b. An individual hunting under subdivision a must be accompanied by the individual's parent, guardian, or other individual authorized by the individual's parent or guardian. As used in this section, "accompanied" means to stay within a distance that permits uninterrupted visual contact and unaided verbal communication.

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

Apprentice hunter validation. An individual born after December 31, 1961, who is sixteen years of age or older and who does not possess a hunter safety education course certificate of completion may be issued an apprentice hunter validation. An apprentice hunter validation is valid for

only one license year in a lifetime. An individual in possession of an apprentice hunter validation may hunt small game and deer only when accompanied by an adult licensed to hunt in this state whose license was not obtained using an apprentice hunter validation. An apprentice hunter validation holder must obtain all required licenses and stamps. For purposes of this section, "accompanied" means to stay within a distance of another individual that permits uninterrupted visual contact in unaided verbal communication.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2165.

Senate Vote: Yeas 37 Nays 9 Absent 1

House Vote: Yeas 78 Nays 14 Absent 2

Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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Secretary of State