

HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Headland

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 a hunting mentorship program; and to amend and reenact section
3 20.1-03.-01.3 and subsection 1 of section 20.1-03-11 of the North Dakota Century Code,
4 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 hunting with a mentor as provided under section 3 of this Act.

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

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

1 licenses for hunting by bow and arrow. Each violation of this section ~~shall be~~ is a
2 distinct and separate offense.

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

5 **Hunting mentorship program.**

- 6 1. A resident who is at least twelve years of age or older may hunt in this state
7 without possessing a hunter safety education course certificate of completion and
8 may, while hunting, possess or control a firearm if all of the following apply:
- 9 a. At all times while hunting, the individual is within arms reach of a mentor who
10 meets the qualifications of subsection 2;
- 11 b. The individual holds all required licenses and stamps.
- 12 2. An individual may not serve as a qualified mentor or a hunter unless the individual
13 meets all of the following requirements:
- 14 a. The individual is 18 years of age or older; and
- 15 b. The individual is the parent or guardian of the individual for whom the
16 individual is serving as a mentor or is authorized by the parent or guardian
17 who serve as a mentor. This requirement does not apply to an individual
18 serving as a mentor for an individual who is 18 years of age or older;
- 19 c. At all times while serving as a mentor, the mentor is within arms reach of the
20 person for whom the mentor is serving as a mentor; and
- 21 d. The mentor possesses a hunter safety education course certificate of
22 completion, unless that individual was born before January 1, 1961, and is not
23 required to obtain a hunter safety education course certificate of completion;
- 24 e. The mentor holds all required licenses and stamps.
- 25 3. A mentor under this section may take only one person, for whom the individual is
26 serving as a mentor, hunting at a time.
- 27 4. The department shall develop and issue a pamphlet containing hunter safety
28 information to each individual hunting under this section who is not required to
29 possess a hunter safety education a certificate of completion.
- 30 5. An individual and mentor hunting under this section may possess only one gun
31 between them while hunting.