

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1227

Introduced by

Representatives Headland, Damschen, Porter

Senators Erbele, Hogue

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; and to amend and reenact section
3 20.1-03-01.1 and subsection 1 of section 20.1-03-11 of the North Dakota Century Code,
4 relating to hunting licenses and requirements.

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

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

8 **20.1-03-01.1. Director to appoint and train instructors - Prescribe course material**
9 **and classroom sites - Certify completion.** The director shall provide classroom instruction
10 on, and shall select, train, and certify persons or department personnel qualified to provide
11 instruction on, firearms and bow safety and hunter responsibility, and shall prescribe the course
12 material to be used, classroom locations, and the dates for teaching the course in this state.
13 The director shall also provide an online internet hunter safety education program for
14 individuals age sixteen and over to complete the hunter safety education requirement. The
15 director shall authorize the issuance of a certificate of completion to all persons satisfactorily
16 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, an
24 individual may not apply for or be issued a big game hunting license if that

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

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

11 **Provisional license for residents over eighteen years of age.** The director shall
12 establish a provisional license for residents over eighteen years of age who have not completed
13 the hunter safety education program under sections 20.1-03-01.1 and 20.1-03-01.2. A
14 provisional license issued under this section entitles an individual to hunt during any one
15 season for which licenses are not issued by lottery. An individual hunting with a provisional
16 license issued under this section may only hunt under the direct supervision of an individual
17 over eighteen years of age who has completed the hunter safety education program under
18 sections 20.1-03-01.1 and 20.1-03-01.2 or has purchased a license to hunt within the previous
19 year. The director may not charge a fee for a provisional license issued under this section.