

Introduced by

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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 20.1-03-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an online internet hunter safety
4 education program.

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

19 **Apprentice hunter validation.** An individual born after December 31, 1961, who is
20 sixteen years of age or older and who does not possess a hunter safety education course
21 certificate of completion may be issued an apprentice hunter validation. An apprentice hunter
22 validation is valid for only one license year in a lifetime. An individual in possession of an
23 apprentice hunter validation may hunt small game and deer only when accompanied by an
24 adult licensed to hunt in this state whose license was not obtained using an apprentice hunter

- 1 validation. An apprentice hunter validation holder must obtain all required licenses and stamps.
- 2 For purposes of this section, "accompanied" means to stay within a distance of another
- 3 individual that permits uninterrupted visual contact in unaided verbal communication.