

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1322**

Introduced by

Representatives Hofstad, Damschen, D. Johnson

Senators Miller, Oehlke

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-02-05.1 of the North Dakota Century  
2 Code, relating to game and fish department land purchases.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-02-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **20.1-02-05.1. Land acquisitions - Statewide land acquisition plan.**

7 1. The director shall establish a comprehensive statewide land acquisition plan that must  
8 be approved by the budget section of the legislative management. Every land  
9 acquisition made by the department exceeding ten acres [4.05 hectares] or ten  
10 thousand dollars must be approved by the budget section. ~~Prior to any~~

11 2. ~~Before a~~ land acquisition, the department shall have the land in question appraised by  
12 a certified appraiser. The department may not acquire any land for an amount that  
13 exceeds the appraised value except for parcels or tracts of land less than forty acres  
14 [16.19 hectares] which may be acquired for up to two hundred percent of the  
15 appraised value.

16 3. ~~Before the appraisal, the director shall give notice of the intent to purchase to every~~  
17 ~~landowner within one mile [1.16 kilometers] of the boundary of the land to be~~  
18 ~~appraised unless the landowner is within the boundary of a city, then the director shall~~  
19 ~~send notice to the governing body of the city or unless the landowner is within the~~  
20 ~~geographical boundary of a rural subdivision where the lots are ten acres [4.04~~  
21 ~~hectares] or less, then the director shall send notice to the governing body of the~~  
22 ~~township or other governing authority for the rural subdivision. The director shall send~~  
23 ~~notice to the board of county commissioners in the county of the land to be appraised,~~  
24 ~~the board of township supervisors if the land to be appraised is in an organized~~

1           township, and the governing body of a city within twelve miles [19.32 kilometers] of the  
2           boundary of the land to be appraised. The director shall publish notice in the official  
3           newspaper of the county of the land to be appraised, once a week for two consecutive  
4           weeks. The notice must contain the amount of acreage, the legal description, and the  
5           fact that the department intends to purchase the land.