

SENATE BILL NO. 2376

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 lifetime hunting licenses; and to provide for a legislative management~~
3 ~~study; for an Act to provide for a game and fish department study and a report to the legislative~~
4 ~~management.~~

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

6 ~~SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created~~
7 ~~and enacted as follows:~~

8 ~~**Resident small game lifetime license -- Special fund.**~~

9 ~~1. The director shall issue a small game lifetime license to a qualified resident as~~
10 ~~provided in this section. The license is not refundable and not transferable. The~~
11 ~~license exempts the resident from yearly fees for the resident certificate, the habitat~~
12 ~~restoration stamp, and the small game license; however, the resident must apply on~~
13 ~~an annual basis. A qualified resident is an individual who at the the time of application~~
14 ~~has been a resident of this state for one year or is a minor child of a person who has~~
15 ~~been a resident of this state for one year. If a qualified resident becomes a~~
16 ~~nonresident, the license is valid for that individual as a nonresident, but all other~~
17 ~~licenses must be obtained on a nonresident basis. The fee for a lifetime resident~~
18 ~~license is:~~

19 ~~a. One hundred sixty dollars for applicants under four years of age.~~

20 ~~b. Two hundred seventy five dollars for applicants over three years of age and~~
21 ~~under sixteen years of age.~~

22 ~~c. Four hundred dollars for applicants over fifteen years of age and under fifty years~~
23 ~~of age.~~

24 ~~d. One hundred ninety dollars for applicants over fifty years of age.~~

1 ~~2. Moneys collected under this section must be placed in a special lifetime license fund in~~
2 ~~the state treasury.~~

3 ~~**SECTION 2. LIFETIME HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES -- LEGISLATIVE**~~
4 ~~**MANAGEMENT STUDY.** During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider~~
5 ~~studying the feasibility and desirability of game and fish department offering lifetime licenses to~~
6 ~~residents and nonresidents for fishing and hunting, including furbearer and combination~~
7 ~~licenses. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together~~
8 ~~with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative~~
9 ~~assembly.~~

10 **SECTION 1. GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT STUDY OF LIFETIME HUNTING AND**
11 **FISHING LICENSES - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REPORT.** The game and fish
12 department shall study the feasibility and desirability of lifetime hunting and fishing licenses. The
13 study must address other states' laws, appropriate pricing, the affect on federal funding, which
14 licenses should be lifetime, and which licensees should qualify for lifetime licenses. Before
15 September 1, 2016, the department shall report its findings and recommendations, together
16 with any proposed legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the legislative
17 management.