

**HB 1414 Testimony
House Energy & Natural Resources
Rep. Karen Karls**

Members of the Energy & Natural Resources committee...for the record, my name is Karen Karls and represent District 35 in Bismarck.

I received this email shortly after our organizational session in December--from a constituent I'd never met:

"I am a constituent of yours living here in Bismarck. I am writing today to see if you have interest in sponsoring a piece of legislation. I think that people who grew up in ND but no longer live here, should have the ability to purchase a nonresident hunting license for a reduced fee. A come home to hunt program. I have seen similar programs in Montana and perhaps other states. For example if my sister is home for the holidays it would be great if we could go pheasant hunting BUT the current nonresident fee structure makes that cost prohibitive. Let me know what you think! I appreciate your time, thank you. "

Something in this message struck a chord...maybe because all 3 of our sons loved to hunt with their dad. The son that lives in MN doesn't get home very often, though he might make it home for Christmas once in a while. We have relatives with some farmland just 50 miles from Bismarck and I asked for the bill draft you see in front of you.

However, my friends at Game & Fish let me know they had problems with it--and they made several good points. I'd like to present a hoghouse amendment that will hopefully accommodate Game & Fish AND my constituent. As a bonus, I brought along the Christmas tree version for your inspection.

Mr. Chairman and committee members, that concludes my testimony and I'll stand for questions.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1414

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a nonresident short-term small game license.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

Nonresident short-term small game license.

The department shall offer a nonresident short-term small game license to nonresidents to hunt upland game as authorized by the department. The fee for a nonresident short-term small game license must be thirty dollars and the license must allow nonresidents to hunt upland game for four consecutive days between November fifteenth and the end of the upland game season."

Renumber accordingly

Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1414

Introduced by

Representatives Karls, D. Anderson, Dobervich, Satrom

Senator Larsen

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 resident family member small game license.~~ for an Act to create and
3 enact a new section to chapter 20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a
4 nonresident short-term small game license.

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 family member small game license.~~

9 ~~1. A nonresident who previously has purchased a resident hunting or fishing license with~~
10 ~~the department and has a resident family member in the state may purchase a~~
11 ~~resident family member small game license and hunt upland game as authorized by~~
12 ~~the department. To be eligible to purchase a license under this section, the license~~
13 ~~application must be sponsored by a resident family member. The nonresident only~~
14 ~~may hunt if accompanied by a resident family member sponsor. To qualify as a~~
15 ~~sponsor the family member must be:~~

16 ~~a. At least eighteen years of age and possess a resident small game hunting~~
17 ~~license; and~~

18 ~~b. Related to the nonresident within the first degree of kinship by blood or marriage.~~

19 ~~2. The nonresident may hunt upland game for four days which may be consecutive or~~
20 ~~nonconsecutive from November fifteenth to the end of the upland game season.~~

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