

HOUSE BILL NO. 1223

Introduced by

Representatives Nichols, Nelson, Solberg, Drovdal

Senators Heitkamp, Kinnoin

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 20.1-03-11 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to gratis and preferential landowner licenses to hunt deer.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 20.1-03-11 of the 1997
5 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 3. A resident who has executed a lease for at least one hundred sixty acres [64.75
7 hectares] of land and who actively farms or ranches that land or a person who
8 holds title to at least one hundred sixty acres [64.75 hectares] of land is eligible to
9 apply for a license to hunt deer without charge, or if that person is a nonresident
10 upon payment of the fee requirement for a nonresident big game license, upon
11 filing an affidavit describing that land. The land must be within a unit open for the
12 hunting of deer. The license must include a legal description of the eligible land
13 described in the affidavit and may be used to hunt deer only upon that land.
14 However, immediate family members who have a license issued under this
15 subsection may hunt together on land described in any of the affidavits making
16 them eligible for the license. Upon request a lessee shall provide proof that the
17 land described in the affidavit is leased for agricultural purposes. A person who is
18 eligible for a license under this subsection may transfer that eligibility for the
19 license to a spouse or legal dependent residing customarily with that person, but
20 no more than one license may be issued under this subsection for any qualifying
21 land. A person transferring eligibility under this subsection may not receive a
22 license under this subsection for the season for which the eligibility was
23 transferred. If not otherwise specified in an agricultural lease, the landowner is
24 entitled to receive the license.