

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1244**

Introduced by

Representatives Kempenich, Devlin, Meyer

Senator Schobinger

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-02 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to reimbursement of landowners for damage caused by hunters; and to  
3 amend and reenact section 20.1-02-25 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to duties of  
4 the game and fish advisory board; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 20.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Road and trail damage fund - Transfer - Continuing appropriation.** The road and  
9 trail damage fund is a special account in the state treasury. The fund may be used only for  
10 reimbursing landowners for damage caused by hunters to roads and trails that are not  
11 maintained with public funds. The amount of one hundred thousand dollars must be transferred  
12 biennially from the game and fish fund to the road and trail damage fund and is hereby  
13 appropriated as a continuing appropriation for the purposes of this section. Landowners  
14 experiencing damage caused by hunters to roads and trails may file a claim for reimbursement  
15 with the board of county commissioners of the county in which the road or trail is located or with  
16 the game and fish advisory board. Upon approval of the board of county commissioners or the  
17 game and fish advisory board, the commissioner shall reimburse landowners for damage  
18 caused by hunters to roads and trails on their land. Under this section, a landowner may  
19 receive up to five hundred dollars for damage caused by hunters to roads and trails on that  
20 person's land.

21 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-02-25 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
22 amended and reenacted as follows:

23 **20.1-02-25. Meetings and duties.** Each board member shall hold a public meeting at  
24 least twice each fiscal year in the board member's respective district to make presentations and

1 to determine the needs and the opinions of those interested in these activities. The board shall  
2 meet at least twice each fiscal year. The board has the authority to advise the director  
3 regarding any policy of hunting, fishing, and trapping regulations, ~~and~~ may make general  
4 recommendations concerning the operation of the department and its programs that the director  
5 may carry out, and shall approve damage claims made by landowners under section 1 of this  
6 Act. The board shall forward copies of its recommendations to the governor. This section does  
7 not limit or restrict the powers, duties, and authority of the governor in the issuance of orders  
8 and proclamations as provided in chapter 20.1-08.