

**SENATE BILL NO. 2228**

Introduced by

Senators O'Connell, Christmann, Mutch

Representatives Froseth, Rose, Tollefson

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. A  
14 lessee and landowner may hunt together on land described in the affidavit making  
15 one of them eligible for the license. Upon request a lessee shall provide proof that  
16 the land described in the affidavit is leased for agricultural purposes. A person who  
17 is eligible for a license under this subsection may transfer that eligibility for the  
18 license to a spouse or legal dependent residing customarily with that person, but  
19 no more than one license may be issued under this subsection for any qualifying  
20 land. A person transferring eligibility under this subsection may not receive a  
21 license under this subsection for the season for which the eligibility was  
22 transferred. If not otherwise specified in an agricultural lease, the landowner is  
23 entitled to receive the license.