

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1272**

Introduced by

Representatives DeKrey, Weisz

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 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 1999  
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 a signed application describing that land. The land must be within a unit open  
12 for the hunting of deer. The license must include a legal description of the eligible  
13 land described in the completed application ~~and may be used.~~ A lessee may use  
14 the license to hunt deer only upon that land, however, a person who holds title to  
15 the land may hunt deer within the district or unit in which the land described in the  
16 completed application is located. If a person owns land in more than one district or  
17 unit, that person must designate the unit within which that person intends to hunt.  
18 However, a person, that person's spouse, and their children who have a license  
19 issued under this subsection may hunt together on land described in any of the  
20 affidavits making them eligible for the license. Family members hunting together  
21 under this provision shall hunt within the same unit within which the land described  
22 in the affidavit making them eligible for the license is located. Upon request, a  
23 lessee shall provide proof that the land described in the completed application is  
24 leased for agricultural purposes. A person who is eligible for a license under this

1 subsection may transfer that eligibility for the license to a spouse or legal  
2 dependent residing customarily with that person, but no more than one license may  
3 be issued under this subsection for any qualifying land. A person transferring  
4 eligibility under this subsection may not receive a license under this subsection for  
5 the season for which the eligibility was transferred. If not otherwise specified in an  
6 agricultural lease, the landowner is entitled to receive the license.