

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1238**

Introduced by

Representatives Porter, Kempenich, Nelson, Norland

Senators Heitkamp, Lyson

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 North Dakota  
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 3. ~~A resident who~~ An individual who is a resident, corporation, limited liability  
7 company, limited liability partnership, limited partnership, or partnership that has  
8 executed a lease for at least one hundred sixty acres [64.75 hectares] of land and  
9 ~~who that~~ actively farms or ranches that land or a person who an individual,  
10 corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, limited  
11 partnership, or partnership that holds title to at least one hundred sixty acres [64.75  
12 hectares] of land is eligible to apply for a license to hunt deer without charge, or if  
13 that person entity is a nonresident upon payment of the fee requirement for a  
14 nonresident big game license, upon filing a signed application describing that land.  
15 If the license is issued to a corporation, limited liability company, limited liability  
16 partnership, limited partnership, or partnership, the license must be issued in the  
17 name of an individual shareholder, member, or partner. The land must be within a  
18 unit open for the hunting of deer. The license must include a legal description of  
19 the eligible land described in the completed application and may be used to hunt  
20 deer only upon that land. A license issued under this subsection is valid for the  
21 deer bow, deer gun, and muzzleloader seasons until filled. However, ~~a person an~~  
22 individual, that person's individual's spouse, and their children who have a license  
23 issued under this subsection may hunt together on land described in any of the  
24 affidavits making them eligible for the license. Family members hunting together

1                   under this provision shall hunt within the same unit within which the land described  
2                   in the affidavit making them eligible for the license is located. Upon request, a  
3                   lessee shall provide proof that the land described in the completed application is  
4                   leased for agricultural purposes. ~~A person~~ An individual who is eligible for a  
5                   license under this subsection may transfer that eligibility for the license to a spouse  
6                   or legal dependent residing customarily with that ~~person~~ individual, but no more  
7                   than one license may be issued under this subsection for any qualifying land. ~~A~~  
8                   ~~person~~ An individual transferring eligibility under this subsection may not receive a  
9                   license under this subsection for the season for which the eligibility was  
10                   transferred. If not otherwise specified in an agricultural lease, the landowner is  
11                   entitled to receive the license.