

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Senate Amendments**

Fifty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1189**

Introduced by

Representatives Porter, DeKrey, Martinson, Nelson

Senators Lyson, Tollefson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 20.1-02-05 and a new  
2 section to chapter 20.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to establishing a private  
3 land access program; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an expiration date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 20.1-02-05 of the North Dakota Century  
6 Code is created and enacted as follows:

7 Carry out a private land access improvement program by entering leases with  
8 private landowners to provide access for hunting on private land. To be eligible for  
9 funding under this subsection, state funds for each lease must be supplemented  
10 by local funds. Public access to lands leased under this subsection may not be  
11 prohibited.

12 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 20.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
13 created and enacted as follows:

14 **Private land access program - Guidelines.**

- 15 1. In the implementation of the private land access program provided for under  
16 section 1 of this Act, the department shall develop hunter-access partnerships with  
17 communities under the following guidelines:
- 18 a. Use current department hunter-access improvement programs, agreements,  
19 and payment rates.
  - 20 b. Pay one hundred percent of the standard program payment.
  - 21 c. Hunter-access tracts obtained through community partnerships must meet  
22 minimum department habitat criteria and standards.
  - 23 d. Land must be open to public access and posted as open by the department  
24 and may include information identifying the community partner.

- 1 e. Land must be identified in the annual private land open to sportsmen guide.  
2 2. The community shall offer additional incentive payments based on the community's  
3 negotiations with potential landowner cooperators to attract and influence  
4 additional interest and signups in areas selected by the community.

5 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the game  
6 and fish fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000, or so  
7 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the game and fish department for the purpose of  
8 entering leases with private landowners to provide access for hunting purposes, for the  
9 biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007.

10 **SECTION 4. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through June 30, 2007, and  
11 after that date is ineffective.