

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-05 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to group deer hunting.

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

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

6 **Group deer hunting.** It is unlawful to take deer for another individual except as
7 provided in this section. During the deer gun season only, a member of a group deer hunting
8 party may take a deer for another member of that party if all members of the party hold valid
9 deer hunting licenses and are hunting with firearms. To be eligible to engage in group deer
10 hunting, each member of the group must agree in advance that a licenseholder is willing to use
11 that individual's locking seal on a deer taken by another member of the group. Group deer
12 hunting is not allowed for mule deer. The group deer hunting party is subject to the following
13 conditions:

- 14 1. A group deer hunting party must consist of at least two or more individuals who are
15 present and hunting together in the same area.
- 16 2. Each individual must be using a firearm and hold a valid deer hunting license.
- 17 3. An individual may not take a deer for another individual who is not present and is
18 not a member of a legal group deer hunting party.
- 19 4. If a deer is taken, the individual who takes the deer must be in either voice or visual
20 contact with the individual who will tag the deer. Loss of voice or visual contact for
21 a reasonable period of time due to terrain or weather conditions does not violate
22 this condition.
- 23 5. The individual for whom the deer is taken must possess a current, unused, locking
24 seal.

- 1 6. The individual taking the deer may not leave the deer unattended until after the
- 2 deer is tagged and the locking seal is validated according to the locking seal
- 3 instructions. An individual is considered to be attending the deer if that individual
- 4 has visual sight of the deer.