

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with House Amendments**

Fifty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2290**

Introduced by

Senators Heitkamp, Erbele, Tollefson

Representatives Amerman, Carlson, Gulleson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 32 of section 20.1-03-12 and sections  
2 20.1-12-04, 20.1-12-05, and 20.1-12-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the  
3 operation and regulation of private shooting preserves.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 32 of section 20.1-03-12 of the North Dakota  
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 32. For a shooting preserve operating permit:

8 a. ~~One, one hundred dollars, if the shooting preserve consists of an area of six~~  
9 ~~hundred forty acres [259 hectares] or less; or~~

10 b. ~~One hundred dollars, if the shooting preserve consists of an area of more~~  
11 ~~than six hundred forty acres [259 hectares]; plus fifty thirty cents per acre~~  
12  ~~[.40 hectare] for each acre [.40 hectare] over six hundred forty acres~~  
13  ~~[259 hectares].~~

14 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-12-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
15 amended and reenacted as follows:

16 **20.1-12-04. Types of game that may be hunted on shooting preserve -**

17 **Identification of game.** Game birds that may be stocked on a shooting preserve and hunted  
18 under this chapter must be artificially propagated pheasants, quail, partridges, turkeys, prairie  
19 chickens, and any other species allowed by the director. The director shall determine the  
20 minimum stock of each species to be hunted and released on the permit area during the  
21 shooting preserve season. All game birds propagated, possessed, or released on a shooting  
22 preserve must ~~be marked prior to release as prescribed by the director by rule. All mallard~~  
23 ~~ducks released on a shooting preserve must have the right hind toenails clipped before the~~  
24 ~~birds attain the age of four weeks~~ have one front toe or one hind toe on either foot removed

1 back to the first joint, including the nail, before becoming six weeks of age. An antipecking  
2 device affixed to the bird before it is six weeks old and worn by the bird until it is at least fifteen  
3 weeks old is acceptable in lieu of toe clipping if the antipecking device leaves a permanent,  
4 easily identifiable mark through the nares.

5           **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-12-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7           **20.1-12-05. Operation of shooting preserve - Season - Search of premises**

8 **permitted.** Any guest of a shooting preserve operator may harvest any game bird within the  
9 defined limits of the shooting preserve, subject to this chapter. The shooting preserve operator  
10 may establish that person's own restrictions on the age, sex, and number of each game bird  
11 that may be taken by each guest, and the fee to be paid by each guest. The exterior  
12 boundaries of each shooting preserve must be clearly defined ~~and posted~~ with signs ~~erected~~  
13 around the extremity at intervals of three hundred ~~feet~~ yards [~~91.44~~ 274.32 meters] or less.  
14 Each shooting preserve operator and that person's guest shall comply with and be subject to  
15 chapter 20.1-01. Shooting preserve operators may restrict or set the hours during which game  
16 birds may be hunted, subject to gubernatorial proclamation. The season for shooting preserves  
17 may be all or part of the nine-month period beginning August first and ending April thirtieth of  
18 the following year. All permits must be issued upon the express condition that the permittee  
19 agrees that any law enforcement officer or any representative of the director may enter and  
20 search the premises or any part thereof at any reasonable time to ensure compliance with state  
21 laws and the director's rules.

22           **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-12-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
23 amended and reenacted as follows:

24           **20.1-12-06. Game birds to be tagged.** Each shooting preserve operator shall tag all  
25 game birds harvested by guests before the birds are consumed or removed from the shooting  
26 preserve premises. The director shall provide tags to shooting preserve operators, at nominal  
27 cost to them. Once affixed, tags must remain attached until the game birds are prepared for  
28 consumption. If a wild upland bird of the same species hunted on the shooting preserve is  
29 taken accidentally by a client out of the regular hunting season proclaimed by the governor, or  
30 is taken by a client not in possession of a proper small game license, the client may keep the  
31 bird. At no time following release may a shooting preserve operator allow the number of wild

1 and released birds harvested to exceed one hundred percent of the number of birds that have  
2 been released. All birds must be healthy when released. The total percent of harvested wild  
3 birds kept by clients may not exceed twenty-five percent of the birds harvested during the  
4 season. Other than those wild birds allowed to be retained by a client, the shooting preserve  
5 operator shall deliver to the department all wild birds harvested.