

**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.