

HOUSE BILL NO. 1151

Introduced by

Representatives Mueller, Hanson, Porter

Senators Fischer, Urlacher

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 establishment of a deadline for gratis deer hunting license
3 applications.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 20.1-03-11 of the North Dakota
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 3. An individual who is a resident, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability
8 partnership, limited partnership, or partnership that has executed a lease for at
9 least one hundred sixty acres [64.75 hectares] of land and that actively farms or
10 ranches that land or an individual, corporation, limited liability company, limited
11 liability partnership, limited partnership, or partnership that holds title to at least one
12 hundred sixty acres [64.75 hectares] of land is eligible to apply for a license to hunt
13 deer without charge, or if that entity is a nonresident upon payment of the fee
14 requirement for a nonresident big game license, upon filing a signed application
15 describing that land. If the license is issued to a corporation, limited liability
16 company, limited liability partnership, limited partnership, or partnership, only one
17 license may be issued and the license must be issued in the name of an individual
18 shareholder, member, or partner. The department shall set the deadline for
19 license applications under this subsection identical to the deadline established by
20 the governor in the governor's proclamation for the deer gun regular lottery. The
21 land must be within a unit open for the hunting of deer. The license must include a
22 legal description of the eligible land described in the completed application and
23 may be used to hunt deer only upon that land. A license issued under this
24 subsection is valid for the deer bow, deer gun, and muzzleloader seasons until

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