

SENATE BILL NO. 2284

Introduced by

Senator Robinson

Representatives D. Anderson, Brandenburg

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-03-17 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to agent fees for distribution of hunting licenses; and to declare an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-03-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **20.1-03-17. (Effective after April 1, 2016) Issuance of licenses - Who to issue -**
7 **Disposition of proceeds.**

8 All hunting, fur-bearer, fishing, and taxidermists' licenses must be issued by the director,
9 deputy director, and bonded game wardens. The deputy director and each bonded game
10 warden shall send the director all license fees.

11 Upon request, the director may appoint the person making the request an agent to
12 distribute hunting and fishing licenses. The director may provide licenses to agents located
13 outside this state if there are no agents located a reasonable distance within this state where
14 nonresidents may obtain licenses. Upon request, the director may appoint the county auditor of
15 any county as an agent to distribute hunting and fishing licenses. The director may require an
16 agent to show evidence of adequate financial security before the agent is appointed. Adequate
17 financial security may be evidenced by a letter of credit, cash deposit, or bond. Agents may be
18 bonded through the state bonding fund. ~~The agents may charge purchasers a service fee of fifty-~~
19 ~~cents for each license. Service fees may be retained by the agent~~An agent may charge a
20 purchaser up to three percent of the total license fee excluding the certificate fee. The agent
21 shall return the remainder of the license fees to the director at least once each month.

22 Notwithstanding section 26.1-21-11, if a claim against the state bonding fund is not filed within
23 sixty days of the expiration of the reporting period provided in this section, the claim is waived.

24 Deposits are to be accompanied by a report showing the amounts received from the sale of

1 each type of license, the amount retained, and the net amounts deposited. The director shall
2 deposit all license fees received with the state treasurer to be credited to the game and fish
3 fund. Each agent appointed to distribute hunting and fishing licenses shall implement a
4 computerized online licensing system approved by the department. The agent is responsible for
5 any equipment, supplies, and technical support associated with selling licenses online.

6 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.