

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1257**

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-08-04.5 of the North Dakota Century  
2 Code, relating to the use of scopes on muzzleloading firearms for individuals over sixty-five  
3 years of age.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-08-04.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **20.1-08-04.5. Governor's proclamation concerning the hunting of deer with**  
8 **muzzleloading firearms.**

9 The governor shall by proclamation provide for a muzzleloading firearm season following  
10 the regular deer hunting season to hunt deer with muzzleloading firearms in the manner,  
11 number, places, and times as the governor prescribes. Licenses to hunt deer with  
12 muzzleloading firearms must be issued by the director by lottery as prescribed by the director.  
13 The director shall issue two percent of the total white-tailed deer gun licenses available each  
14 year to hunters with muzzleloading firearms. Of the two percent, one-half of the licenses issued  
15 may be for antlered white-tailed deer. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual  
16 over sixty-five years of age who receives a license to hunt deer with a muzzleloading firearm  
17 and is in lawful possession of a muzzleloading firearm may use a telescopic sight not to exceed  
18 four-power magnification on the muzzleloading firearm when hunting deer.