

**TESTIMONY FOR HB 1178**  
**HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**  
**Representative Kathy Skroch**  
**67<sup>th</sup> ND Legislative Session**

Chairman Porter and members of the Natural Resources Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to appear before your committee today to introduce HB 1178. This change in subsection 12 of section 20.1-02-05 of NDCC was brought by the request of individual members of the U.S. military serving in the state of North Dakota.

There are military persons serving in ND who are not residents of the state. These same individuals are often not able to hunt in their state of residents due to a variety of circumstances.

Current law provides for non-resident military serving on duty or on leave in ND to purchase a resident license in subdivision c. of subsection 12. However, within the subsection there is an exclusion for participation in the deer lottery. This bill will allow non-resident military persons who qualify for a resident license to also qualify to file a resident deer lottery application.

This does not guarantee an issue of a deer license. Any application is subject to the same limits currently used within the lottery. In addition, the bill does not negatively impact revenue to the ND Game and Fish Department.

I have asked Terry Steinwand, ND Game and Fish Director, to give neutral testimony and answer any questions the committee may have with regard to ND licenses.

Thank you.

Questions?

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