

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1081**

Introduced by

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Senators Bekkedahl, Murphy

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 20.1-04-07, 20.1-08-04.2, 20.1-08-04.6,  
2 20.1-08-04.13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to big game and turkey hunting  
3 licenses for youth with a life-threatening illness; and to provide for a legislative management  
4 study.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-04-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **20.1-04-07. Governor's proclamation concerning the taking of wild turkeys - National**  
9 **wild turkey federation raffle - Youth spring wild turkey licenses - Outdoor adventure**  
10 **foundation licenses.**

11 1. By proclamation the governor may provide for a permit season to take wild turkeys in  
12 the manner, number, places, and times deemed in the state's best interests; however:  
13 ~~4.~~ a. By proclamation the governor may make available to the national wild turkey  
14 federation one license per year to hunt wild turkeys in the spring in the manner,  
15 places, and times as the governor prescribes. The national wild turkey federation  
16 shall hold a raffle or may auction to the highest bidder, whether resident or  
17 nonresident, a license to hunt wild turkeys. If an individual receives a wild turkey  
18 license through the raffle or the auction, the individual is not eligible to apply for a  
19 wild turkey license through the game and fish department that year. No more  
20 than ten percent of the gross proceeds of the raffle may be used to promote the  
21 raffle. Ten percent of the net proceeds of the raffle or auction may be retained by  
22 the local, state, or national wild turkey federation entity conducting the raffle or  
23 auction. All remaining net proceeds must be deposited in the national wild turkey  
24 federation superfund and used for wild turkey management and related projects

1           in this state. The national wild turkey federation shall submit reports concerning  
2           the raffle or auction as the director requires.

3        ~~2.~~ b. By proclamation the governor also may allow individuals who are first-time youth  
4           spring wild turkey hunters to receive one spring wild turkey license valid for the  
5           regular spring wild turkey season. To be eligible to receive a spring wild turkey  
6           license, an individual must be fifteen years of age or younger on the opening day  
7           of the spring wild turkey season and have never received a spring wild turkey  
8           license.

9        c. By proclamation the governor may make available to the outdoor adventure  
10       foundation up to two licenses to hunt a turkey in the spring season. The  
11       foundation shall make one license available to each qualified youth to hunt as  
12       provided in the governor's proclamation. A qualified youth receiving a license  
13       under this section must comply with hunter education requirements and if under  
14       the age of eighteen must be accompanied by an adult twenty-one years of age or  
15       older. As used in this section, "qualified youth" means an individual who has  
16       cancer or a life-threatening illness, is of legal age to hunt a turkey, is under  
17       twenty-five years of age, is a resident, and is sponsored by the foundation. The  
18       foundation must provide the department supporting documentation  
19       demonstrating compliance with this section. The director may adopt rules to  
20       implement this section.

21        2. The governor shall make available to residents and nonresidents any permits  
22        remaining after the resident fall drawing.

23        **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-08-04.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
24        amended and reenacted as follows:

25        **20.1-08-04.2. Governor's proclamation concerning the hunting of moose - Raffle.**

26        The governor may by proclamation provide for a season to hunt moose in a manner,  
27        number, places, and times as the governor prescribes. Licenses to hunt moose must be issued  
28        by lottery, except as provided under subsection 8 of section 20.1-03-11, with only residents  
29        eligible to apply; however, the governor may by proclamation make available to the North  
30        American wildlife enforcement memorial museum and educational center and the rocky  
31        mountain elk foundation one license per year to hunt moose in a manner, places, and times as

1 the governor prescribes. In addition, the governor may by proclamation make available a  
2 license under section 20.1-08-14.3. The North American wildlife enforcement memorial museum  
3 and educational center and the rocky mountain elk foundation shall hold a raffle under rules  
4 adopted by the director with residents and nonresidents eligible to participate. The person who  
5 receives the license from the raffle may not transfer the license. No more than ten percent of the  
6 gross proceeds of the raffle may be used to promote the raffle. Fifty percent of all net proceeds  
7 must be used for elk management or other wildlife and in conservation-related projects in this  
8 state as described under rocky mountain elk foundation policies and objectives. All remaining  
9 net proceeds must be used for construction and maintenance of the North American wildlife  
10 enforcement memorial museum and educational center located at the international peace  
11 garden. The North American wildlife enforcement memorial museum and educational center  
12 and the rocky mountain elk foundation shall submit reports concerning the raffle as the director  
13 requires. A person may only receive one license to hunt moose issued by lottery in a lifetime. An  
14 individual who has been convicted of illegally taking a moose, elk, or bighorn sheep is not  
15 eligible to apply for or receive a license under this section.

16 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-08-04.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
17 amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **20.1-08-04.6. Governor's proclamation concerning the hunting of elk - Rocky**  
19 **mountain elk foundation raffle.**

20 The governor may by proclamation provide for a season to hunt elk in a manner, number,  
21 places, and times as the governor prescribes. Licenses to hunt elk must be issued by lottery,  
22 except as provided under subsection 7 of section 20.1-03-11, with only residents eligible to  
23 apply; however, the governor may by proclamation make available to the rocky mountain elk  
24 foundation and the North American wildlife enforcement memorial museum and educational  
25 center a license to hunt elk in a manner, places, and times as the governor prescribes. In  
26 addition, the governor may by proclamation make available a license under section  
27 20.1-08-14.3. The rocky mountain elk foundation and the North American wildlife enforcement  
28 memorial museum and educational center shall hold a raffle under rules adopted by the director  
29 with residents and nonresidents eligible to participate. No more than ten percent of the gross  
30 proceeds of the raffle may be used to promote the raffle and fifty percent of all net proceeds  
31 must be used for elk management or other wildlife and conservation-related projects in North

1 Dakota as described under rocky mountain elk foundation policies and objectives and all  
2 remaining net proceeds must be used for construction and maintenance of the North American  
3 wildlife enforcement memorial museum and educational center located at the international  
4 peace garden. The rocky mountain elk foundation and the North American wildlife enforcement  
5 memorial museum and educational center shall submit reports concerning the raffle as the  
6 director requires. An owner of farmed elk who is experiencing elk depredation problems may  
7 contact the director. Upon investigation, the director may issue special elk depredation  
8 management licenses. The governor by proclamation shall establish a procedure to issue elk  
9 depredation management licenses in a timely manner. Except for landowners who receive a  
10 license under subsection 7 of section 20.1-03-11 and landowners who receive special elk  
11 depredation management licenses issued to landowners under subsection 7 of section  
12 20.1-03-11, and persons who receive a special elk depredation management license issued by  
13 lottery under this section, a person may only receive one license to hunt elk issued by lottery in  
14 a lifetime. An individual who has been convicted of illegally taking a moose, elk, or bighorn  
15 sheep is not eligible to apply for or receive a license under this section.

16 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-08-04.13 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
17 amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **20.1-08-04.13. Governor's proclamation concerning once-in-a-lifetime big game hunts**  
19 **for terminally ill childrenyouth with cancer or a life-threatening illness - Rules.**

20 By proclamation, the governor may make available annually to ~~one organization~~the outdoor  
21 adventure foundation ~~one any elk license, one any moose license,~~ up to ~~eight~~seven deer  
22 licenses, ~~and four~~up to two antelope licenses to hunt the species indicated on the license in the  
23 manner, places, and times as the governor prescribes. The ~~organization~~foundation shall make  
24 one license available to each qualified ~~child~~youth to hunt the species of big game indicated on  
25 the license as provided in the governor's proclamation. A qualified ~~child~~youth receiving a license  
26 under this section must comply with hunter education requirements and; if under the age of  
27 eighteen; must be accompanied by an adult twenty-one years of age or older. ~~The director may~~  
28 ~~adopt rules to implement this section. As used in this section, "organization" means a nonprofit~~  
29 ~~organization qualified under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) with the principal purpose~~  
30 ~~of granting hunting and fishing adventures for children who have been diagnosed with a~~  
31 ~~terminal illness by a licensed physician and~~ As used in this section, "qualified childyouth" means

1 a ~~terminally ill~~an individual who has been diagnosed with cancer or a life-threatening illness, is  
2 of legal age to hunt the species for which the license is valid, ~~but is~~ under ~~twenty-one~~twenty-five  
3 years of age, is a resident, and is sponsored by ~~an organization that provides to~~the foundation.  
4 The foundation must provide the department supporting documentation demonstrating  
5 compliance with this section. The director may adopt rules to implement this section.

6 **SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY.** During the 2015-16 interim, the  
7 legislative management shall study game and fish department licenses provided to entities for  
8 the purpose of fundraising. The study must include a review of the present law in this and other  
9 states and the desirability and feasibility of allowing the game and fish department to issue  
10 these licenses through certain procedures and with certain limits created by the legislative  
11 assembly. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together  
12 with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative  
13 assembly.