Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015

HOUSE BILL NO. 1356
(Representatives Porter, Damschen)
(Senators Schaible, Unruh)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subdivision c of subsection 17 of section 20.1-02-05, sections 20.1-02-28 and 20.1-05-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to depredation prevention by landowners.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subdivision c of subsection 17 of section 20.1-02-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

c. Carrying out practices <u>or designating an individual to carry out practices or authorizing or having the designee authorize landowners to carry out practices</u> that will alleviate depredations caused by predatory animals and big game animals.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 20.1-02-28 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

20.1-02-28. Deerproof hay yard program.

Within legislative appropriations, the director shall provide for a deerproof hay yard program. The deerproof hay yard program must provide materials and supplies at no cost and construction cost-share assistance to landowners for the establishment of deerproof hay yards to protect crops, hay, or feed on private property with deer depredation problems. A landowner who allows commercial hunting for big game on a majority of acres owned and operated in exchange for compensation and who posts a majority of the acres owned and operated by that person to prohibit big game hunting is not eligible to participate in the deerproof hay yard program. The department shall establish a prorated repayment system over a three-year period. For winter management program purposes of this section, a person may not willfully hunt, harass, chase, pursue, take, attempt to take, possess, transport, ship, convey by common carrier, sell, barter, or exchange a deer except as provided in <u>carrying out practices to alleviate depredations under the private land habitat and access improvement program and elsewhere in</u> this title.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 20.1-05-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

20.1-05-02. Big game animals protected.

Except as otherwise provided in section 20.1-02-28, a person may not hunt, harass, chase, pursue, take, attempt to take, possess, transport, ship, convey by common or private carrier, sell, barter, or exchange a big game animal except as provided in <u>carrying out practices to alleviate depredations under the private land habitat and access improvement program and elsewhere in</u> this title.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1356.

House Vote:	Yeas 93	Nays 0	Absent 1
Senate Vote:	Yeas 46	Nays 0	Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at 8:45 A.M. on March 30, 2015.

Approved at 2:14 p.M. on March 31, 2015.

Governor

Filed in this office this 31st day of March, 2015,

at 3:42 o'clock P M.

Secretary of State