

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

SENATE BILL NO. 2309
(Senators Gerhardt, Boehm, Rummel)
(Representatives Dressler, Hauck, Rohr)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 20.1-03-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to youth deer hunting permits.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 20.1-03-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. An individual may not hunt, kill, take, or attempt to take any big game without having the appropriate big game hunting license and a locking seal bearing a number corresponding to the number of the big game hunting license or stamp. The locking seal must be issued as an integral part of the big game hunting license. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, an individual may not apply for or be issued a big game hunting license unless that individual's fourteenth or subsequent birthday occurs in the same year as the respective big game hunting season. This age limitation does not apply to applicants for big game licenses for hunting by bow and arrow. Each violation of this section is a distinct and separate offense. The following provisions govern youth deer and antelope hunting:
 - a. An individual whose eleventh, twelfth, or thirteenth birthday occurs in the same year as a youth deer hunting season is entitled to receive a:
 - (1) A statewide white-tailed antlerless deer permit; or
 - (2) An antlerless deer permit, as determined by the governor by proclamation.
 - b. An individual whose twelfth or thirteenth birthday occurs in the same year as an antelope hunting season is entitled to apply for an antelope permit for that season.
 - c. An individual hunting under subdivision a or b must be accompanied by the individual's parent, guardian, or other individual authorized by the individual's parent or guardian. As used in this section, "accompanied" means to stay within a distance that permits uninterrupted visual contact and unaided verbal communication.

Brad Belmedahl
President of the Senate

Robi Lewis
Speaker of the House

Manda Moya
Secretary of the Senate

Bruce J. Reiet
Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2309.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0
House Vote: Yeas 91 Nays 1 Absent 2

Manda Moya
Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at 3:08 P M. on March 14, 2025.

Approved at 3:43 P M. on March 17, 2025.

[Signature]
Governor

Filed in this office this 18th day of March, 2025,
at 2:23 o'clock P M.

Michael Howe
Secretary of State