

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1100

Introduced by: Representatives Hunhoff (Bernie), Moser, and Olson (Betty) and Senators Hunhoff (Jean), Maher, and Sutton

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise the number of ownership acres necessary to
2 qualify for certain big game hunting licenses to be used on a landowner's own property.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 41-6-19.3 be amended to read as follows:

5 41-6-19.3. If a resident farmer or rancher who owns or leases for agricultural purposes ~~the~~
6 ~~minimum acreage of privately-owned~~ at least forty acres of farm or ranch land ~~to qualify for~~
7 ~~landowner preference as prescribed by rules promulgated by the Game, Fish and Parks~~
8 ~~Commission~~ and who actually resides on the land, or is an owner-operator of the land, has not
9 received a big game license pursuant to § 41-6-19 that permits the harvest of a buck during the
10 west river prairie deer season, east river deer season, or firearm antelope season set by the
11 Game, Fish and Parks Commission pursuant to § 41-2-18, the farmer or rancher may obtain one
12 any-deer license, one any-antelope license, one license that has one any-deer tag and one any-
13 antlerless deer tag, or one any-antelope and one doe/kid antelope tag that is valid only on lands
14 owned or leased by the farmer or rancher within any unit for the specified hunting season.

15 If a member of the immediate family of the farmer or rancher qualified to obtain a license



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2 harvest of a buck during the west river prairie deer season, east river deer season, or firearm
3 antelope season set by the Game, Fish and Parks Commission pursuant to § 41-2-18, the
4 immediate family member may also obtain one any-deer license, one any-antelope license, one
5 license that has one any-deer tag and one any-antlerless deer tag, or one any-antelope and one
6 doe/kid antelope tag that is valid only on lands owned or leased by the resident farmer or
7 rancher within any unit for the specified hunting season.

8 Upon receipt of the application prescribed by the department and applicable fee, the
9 Department of Game, Fish and Parks shall issue a limited license that restricts the holder to the
10 taking of the big game animals as designated on the license only from the privately-owned farm
11 or ranch lands owned or leased by the resident farmer or rancher. The holder of the license may
12 not take any big game animal from land owned or leased by other persons.