

**Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

SENATE BILL NO. 2284
(Senator Robinson)
(Representatives D. Anderson, Brandenburg)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 20.1-03-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to agent fees for distribution of hunting licenses; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 20.1-03-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

20.1-03-17. (Effective after April 1, 2016) Issuance of licenses - Who to issue - Disposition of proceeds.

All hunting, fur-bearer, fishing, and taxidermists' licenses must be issued by the director, deputy director, and bonded game wardens. The deputy director and each bonded game warden shall send the director all license fees.

Upon request, the director may appoint the person making the request an agent to distribute hunting and fishing licenses. The director may provide licenses to agents located outside this state if there are no agents located a reasonable distance within this state where nonresidents may obtain licenses. Upon request, the director may appoint the county auditor of any county as an agent to distribute hunting and fishing licenses. The director may require an agent to show evidence of adequate financial security before the agent is appointed. Adequate financial security may be evidenced by a letter of credit, cash deposit, or bond. Agents may be bonded through the state bonding fund. ~~The agents may charge purchasers a service fee of fifty cents for each license. Service fees may be retained by the agent.~~An agent may charge a purchaser up to three percent of the total license fee, excluding the certificate fee. The agent shall return the remainder of the license fees to the director at least once each month. Notwithstanding section 26.1-21-11, if a claim against the state bonding fund is not filed within sixty days of the expiration of the reporting period provided in this section, the claim is waived. Deposits are to be accompanied by a report showing the amounts received from the sale of each type of license, the amount retained, and the net amounts deposited. The director shall deposit all license fees received with the state treasurer to be credited to the game and fish fund. Each agent appointed to distribute hunting and fishing licenses shall implement a computerized online licensing system approved by the department. The agent is responsible for any equipment, supplies, and technical support associated with selling licenses online.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2284 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 91 Nays 3 Absent 0

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2017.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2017.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2017,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State