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HOUSE BILL NO. 1031

Introduced by: The Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources at the request of the
Department of Game, Fish and Parks

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain procedures and criteria permitting certain
2 persons to acquire certain big game hunting licenses by means of landowner preference and
3 to revise the areas permitted to be hunted under such licenses.

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

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

6 41-6-19.3. If a resident farmer or rancher who owns or leases the prescribed minimum
7 acreage of farm or ranch land to qualify for landowner preference, and who actually resides on
8 the land, or is an owner-operator of the land, or a member of the farmer or rancher's immediate
9 family also residing on the land has not received a big game license pursuant to § 41-6-19 that
10 permits the harvest of a buck during the west river prairie deer season, east river deer season,
11 or ~~west river~~ firearm antelope season set by the Game, Fish and Parks Commission pursuant to
12 § 41-2-18, the person may ~~apply no earlier than twenty days prior to the commencement of the~~
13 ~~applicable season and obtain one of the licenses made available in the unit in which the person~~
14 ~~qualifies for landowner preference or as otherwise provided by rules promulgated by the~~
15 ~~commission pursuant to chapter 1-26~~ obtain one any deer or one any antelope license that is



1 valid only on lands owned or leased by the person within any unit for the specified hunting
2 season. No more than two limited permits may be applied for by each farm or ranch household.
3 Upon receipt of the application ~~submitted on a form prescribed by the commission,~~ the
4 Department of Game, Fish and Parks shall issue a limited permit that restricts the holder to the
5 taking of one animal as designated on the permit only from the farm or ranch lands specified in
6 the application. ~~If the landowner or lessee also owns or leases land in a contiguous hunting unit,~~
7 ~~the applicant may specify those lands in adjacent units where the permit is to apply and may~~
8 ~~hunt on those described lands also.~~ The holder of the permit may not take any big game animal
9 from land owned or leased by other persons.