SOUTH DAKOTA OPPORTUNITY GROUP

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for the benefit of all South Dakotans

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RULE IDENTIFICATION

HB 1185 (2014) authorizes the following amendments:

Section 1. That § 41-6-18.1 be amended to read as follows:
If the Game, Fish and Parks Commission allocates more than four thousand nonresident waterfowl licenses in a
calendar year, any increase in the number of licenses allocated may not exceed five percent of the number of
licenses allocated in the previous calendar year.

Section 2. That § 41-6-18.4 be amended to read as follows:
Any increase in the number of temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses allocated by the commission in a year
may not exceed five percent of the number of licenses allocated for the same license type in the previous year.

DESCRIBE THE CHANGE

Implement rules to increase by five percent the numbers of licenses allocated annually. Such allocations shall
continue until the number of licenses double the afore-mentioned licenses.

EXPLAIN THE REASON

Permitted by statute.

Statute supported by the Office of the Governor, the GFP Commission, SDWF and others.

January 16, 2014

Hearing before Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources chaired by Chairlady Senator Shantel Krebs.
Presented by Senator Corey Brown
Proponents:
Nathan Sanderson, Office of the Governor
Emmett Keyser, Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (Handout: #1)
Michele Brich, SD Hotel & Lodging Association
Chris Hesla, SD Wildlife Federation
David Owen SD Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Shawn Lyons, SD Retailers Association
MOTION: AMEND HB 1185 Passed 8-1
Passes in Senate 33-2, passed in house 64-6
SD OPPORTUNITY GROUP was not present to testify at this hearing but was a strong supporter. As President I served on the GFP study group.

Governor signs HB 1185 (2014)

Standing behind the governor as he signs HB 1185 are John Cooper, GFP Commissioner, Tony Leif GFP staff, Nathan Sanderson, Governor’s staff, Representative Dick Werner, prime sponsor, Norbe Barrie, SD Opportunity Group, Lorin Pankratz, Visitor Industry Alliance, sponsor Senator Cory Brown, Julie Johnson, Absolutely Aberdeen and Melissa Forest and Shawn Lyons, SD Retailers. The bill makes two changes to current law. One would allow the Game, Fish and Parks Commission (GFP) to allocate more nonresident waterfowl licenses than the previous year, not to exceed by more than 5% of the prior year’s allocation.

The other change transfers virtually all authority for rule making of nonresident waterfowl licenses to the Commission. The final draft of the bill received wide support of stakeholders and over 90% of the legislators voted in support.

It is anticipated that the Commission will create a Study Group of stakeholders to assist Commission staff with rules and regulations. Acting within its legislative mandates, the Commission serves as the advocate and liaison between the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks and its stakeholders - the people of South Dakota.