

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1182

Introduced by

Representatives DeKrey, Delmore, Fairfield, Hanson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 36-01 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the private ownership of primates, wolves, wolf hybrids, skunks, and
3 raccoons; to amend and reenact section 36-01-08.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating
4 to certain animals held in captivity; and to provide a penalty.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 36-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Ownership of wolves, wolf hybrids, skunks, and raccoons prohibited - Exception**
9 **- Rules - Penalty.** No person may keep a wolf, wolf hybrid, skunk, or raccoon in captivity. This
10 section does not apply to a zoo licensed by the regulatory enforcement and animal care
11 program of the animal and plant health inspection service of the United States department of
12 agriculture. A person keeping a wolf, wolf hybrid, skunk, or raccoon in captivity on August 1,
13 1997, may continue to keep that animal if it is neutered. The state veterinarian shall confiscate
14 and dispose of any animal kept in violation of this section. The board shall adopt rules
15 governing the keeping of primates in captivity and to implement this section. As used in this
16 section, "primate" does not include a human being; "wolf" means any animal of the species
17 canis lupus; and "wolf hybrid" means any animal that is any part wolf. A person who willfully
18 violates this section is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

19 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 36-01-08.2 of the 1995 Supplement to the North
20 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **~~36-01-08.2. Mountain lions, wolves, and wolf hybrids held in captivity -~~**
22 **Identification required.** Any person who keeps a mountain lion, ~~wolf, or wolf hybrid~~ in
23 captivity must obtain an identification number from the board. The number must be tattooed in
24 indelible ink inside the ear of the animal for permanent identification purposes.