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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1182

Introduced by

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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; and to provide a penalty.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 36-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:
- 7 Ownership of skunks and raccoons prohibited Exception Rules Penalty. No
- 8 person may keep a skunk or raccoon in captivity. This section does not apply to a zoo licensed
- 9 by the regulatory enforcement and animal care program of the animal and plant health
- 10 inspection service of the United States department of agriculture. The state veterinarian shall
- 11 confiscate and dispose of any animal kept in violation of this section. The board shall adopt
- 12 rules governing the keeping of a primate, wolf, or wolf hybrid in captivity and to implement this
- 13 section. As used in this section, "primate" does not include a human being; "wolf" means any
- 14 animal of the species canis lupus; and "wolf hybrid" means any animal that is any part wolf. A
- 15 person who willfully violates this section is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.