

**Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1182  
(Representatives DeKrey, Delmore, Fairfield, Hanson)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 36-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the private ownership of primates, wolves, wolf hybrids, skunks, and raccoons; and to provide a penalty.

**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:

**Ownership of skunks and raccoons prohibited - Exception - Rules - Penalty.** No person may keep a skunk or raccoon in captivity. This section does not apply to a zoo licensed by the regulatory enforcement and animal care program of the animal and plant health inspection service of the United States department of agriculture. The state veterinarian shall confiscate and dispose of any animal kept in violation of this section. The board shall adopt rules governing the keeping of a primate, wolf, or wolf hybrid in captivity and to implement this section. As used in this section, "primate" does not include a human being; "wolf" means any animal of the species *canis lupus*; and "wolf hybrid" means any animal that is any part wolf. A person who willfully violates this section is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1182.

House Vote:      Yeas    76      Nays    14      Absent    7

Senate Vote:    Yeas    46      Nays    0      Absent    3

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997,  
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Secretary of State