

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

SENATE BILL NO. 2401  
(Senators Christmann, Freborg)  
(Representatives Clark, Kreidt, Porter)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 20.1-01-08 and 20.1-01-09 and subsection 3 of section 20.1-05-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the use of flashlights in taking raccoons.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-01-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**20.1-01-08. Hunting with artificial light prohibited - Exception.** It is unlawful for ~~any person~~ an individual to pursue, shoot, kill, take or attempt to take any wildlife between sunset of one day and sunrise of the next, with the aid of a spotlight or any other artificial light. This section does not make it unlawful for ~~any person~~ an individual to use a lantern, spotlight, or other artificial light to assist the person in pursuing and shooting on the person's premises any coyote, fox, skunk, mink, raccoon, weasel, owl, rabbit, or other predatory animal or bird, attacking and attempting to destroy the person's poultry, livestock, or other property. It is permissible to use an artificial light with a power source of not more than ~~two cells in the aggregate of four~~ six volts while hunting afoot for raccoon during the open season on ~~such~~ the animal. A red or amber filter must be placed on any artificial light used in the hunting of raccoon, except when taking a raccoon treed or at bay.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**20.1-01-09. Types of guns lawfully usable in taking raccoon with flashlight - Penalty.** In the killing, shooting, pursuing, taking or in attempting to take raccoon with the use of a flashlight with a power source of not over ~~two cells in the aggregate of four~~ six volts, it is illegal to use a rifle or handgun capable of firing a shell larger than a twenty-two caliber [5.59 millimeter] long rifle shell, or a shotgun larger than four-ten gauge [10.41 millimeters]. ~~Any person~~ An individual who violates this section is guilty of a class 1 noncriminal offense.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 20.1-05-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. Engage in the practice commonly known as shining for deer. ~~Any person~~ An individual who shines any area commonly frequented by big game animals with any artificial light, between the hours of sunset and sunrise, is in violation of this section. However, ~~any person~~ an individual may use a flashlight with a power source of not over ~~two cells in the aggregate of four~~ six volts to take raccoon.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2401.

Senate Vote:      Yeas    44          Nays    2          Absent    1

House Vote:      Yeas    88          Nays    4          Absent    2

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Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State