

SENATE BILL NO. 2323

Introduced by

Senators Traynor, Freborg, Heitkamp

Representatives Nelson, Pollert

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 20.1-08 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the governor's authority to restrict cervidae carcass imports due to
3 chronic wasting disease and the governor's authority to declare an animal health emergency;
4 and to declare an emergency.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 20.1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Governor's proclamation concerning restrictions on cervidae carcass importation**
9 **due to chronic wasting disease.** The governor, through proclamation or executive order, may
10 restrict the importation and disposition of the carcass or carcass parts of any animal in the
11 family cervidae taken from any areas within states or provinces that have documented cases of
12 chronic wasting disease in wild populations or taken from captive hunt or farm facilities.

13 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 20.1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is
14 created and enacted as follows:

15 **Governor's executive order or proclamation declaring animal health emergency.**
16 In accordance with chapter 37-17.1, the governor may declare an animal health emergency
17 upon determining that the wildlife, domestic animals, or nontraditional livestock of this state are
18 at risk from diseases imported by foreign animals, a foreign animal disease, bioterrorism event,
19 or an emerging animal disease. Upon the declaration of an animal health emergency, the
20 governor may order the sampling, destruction, and disposition of wildlife, domestic animal, and
21 nontraditional livestock populations, as the governor deems necessary to abate the animal
22 health emergency.

23 **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.