

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1326  
with Senate Amendments**

Fifty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

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Introduced by

Representatives Sitte, Aarsvold, L. Meier

Senators Dever, Kilzer, Kringstad

- 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 possession of live venomous reptiles; and to provide a penalty.

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

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

6 **Venomous reptiles - Possession - Permit - Penalty.**

- 7 1. Except in accordance with the terms of a permit issued under subsection 2, a  
8 person may not possess a live venomous reptile, as defined by the state  
9 veterinarian.
- 10 2. The state veterinarian may issue a permit for the possession of a live venomous  
11 reptile only if, in the determination of the state veterinarian, the applicant seeking  
12 the permit demonstrates an educational purpose for and the ability to appropriately  
13 house, feed, care for, handle, and if necessary dispose of the reptile. For  
14 purposes of this subsection, an educational purpose includes research, and  
15 displays at schools, institutions of higher education, wildlife preserves, and zoos.  
16 The state veterinarian may establish the length of time for which each permit is  
17 valid.
- 18 3. A person may not release in this state any reptile whose possession is prohibited  
19 by this section.
- 20 4. A person who violates this section is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.