

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1125

Introduced by

Natural Resources Committee

(At the request of the Agriculture Commissioner)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 4-01-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to control of predatory animals, destructive birds, and injurious field rodents.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-01-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **4-01-17.1. State to cooperate with the animal and plant health inspection service**
7 **and other agencies in destruction of predatory animals, destructive birds, and injurious**
8 **field rodents.** The agriculture commissioner may cooperate with the United States department
9 of agriculture, animal and plant health inspection service, or other appropriate federal agency,
10 in the control and destruction of ~~coyotes, wolves, bobcats, and foxes~~ fur-bearers that are
11 injurious to livestock, poultry, and big and small game; injurious field rodents ~~in rural areas and~~
12 deer; and ~~certain nongame species of birds~~ causing crop damage or substantial economic loss
13 or threatening human health. This control and destruction must be approved by the director of
14 the game and fish department. The agriculture commissioner may enter into written
15 agreements with the animal and plant health inspection service or other appropriate federal
16 agency, and the director of the game and fish department covering the methods and
17 procedures for the control and destruction of these birds and animals, the extent of supervision
18 by either or both the agriculture commissioner and the animal and plant health inspection
19 service or other appropriate federal agency, and the use and expenditure of the funds
20 appropriated therefor by the legislative assembly. The agriculture commissioner, in cooperation
21 with the animal and plant health inspection service or other appropriate federal agency, may
22 enter into agreements with other governmental agencies and with counties, associations,
23 corporations, limited liability companies, or individuals when cooperation is deemed to be
24 necessary to promote the control and destruction of these birds and animals.