

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO.**

Introduced by

Representative Pinkerton

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 36-21.1 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the intentional abandonment of dogs, cats, horses, and pigs; and to  
3 provide a penalty.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 36-21.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Intentional abandonment - Penalty.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 4 of  
8 section 36-21.1-02, a person is guilty of a class C felony if that person:

- 9 1. Owens or has custodial responsibility for a dog, cat, horse, or pig; and  
10 2. Deposits that dog, cat, horse, or pig, on the property of another, without the  
11 permission of the property owner or lessee, and with the intention of absolving  
12 himself or herself of all ownership or custodial responsibility for that dog, cat,  
13 horse, or pig.