

Sixty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1412

Introduced by

Representatives Tveit, Fegley, C. Johnson, Laning

Senators Myrdal, Osland, Unruh

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-01 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to hunting predators; and to amend and reenact section 20.1-01-08 of
3 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to hunting predators at night with artificial light, digital
4 night vision, thermal vision, or infrared light.

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

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

8 **20.1-01-08. Hunting with artificial light prohibited - Exception.**

9 It is unlawful for an individual to pursue, shoot, kill, take or attempt to take any wildlife
10 between sunset of one day and sunrise of the next, with the aid of a spotlight or any other
11 artificial light. This section does not make it unlawful for an individual to use a lantern, spotlight,
12 digital night vision, thermal vision, infrared light, or other artificial light to assist the
13 ~~person~~individual or another individual in pursuing and shooting on ~~the person's~~either individual's
14 premises any coyote, fox, skunk, mink, raccoon, beaver, weasel, ~~owl, rabbit,~~ or other predatory
15 animal ~~or bird, attacking and attempting to destroy the person's poultry, livestock, or other~~
16 ~~property.~~ It is permissible to use an artificial light with a power source of not more than six volts
17 while hunting afoot for raccoon or beaver during the open season on the animal. A red or amber
18 filter must be placed on any artificial light used in the hunting of raccoon or beaver, except when
19 taking a raccoon treed or at bay.

20 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 20.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
21 and enacted as follows:

22 **Hunting predators.**

23 Notwithstanding section 20.1-08-04.7, an individual with or without a license may pursue
24 and shoot on the individual's premises any coyote, fox, skunk, mink, raccoon, weasel, or other

- 1 predatory animal at any time after the end of the last day of the regular deer hunting season
- 2 established by the governor's order or proclamation and before the following August thirty-first.
- 3 An individual authorized to pursue and shoot a predatory animal under this section may be
- 4 assisted by another individual, and the assistant may pursue and shoot a predatory animal on
- 5 the same premises and during the same time as the authorized individual.