

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments**

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1182

Introduced by

Representatives DeKrey, Delmore, Fairfield, Hanson

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 private ownership of primates, wolves, wolf hybrids, skunks, and
3 raccoons; and to provide a penalty.

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

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

7 **Ownership of skunks and raccoons prohibited - Exception - Rules - Penalty.** No
8 person may keep a skunk or raccoon in captivity. This section does not apply to a zoo licensed
9 by the regulatory enforcement and animal care program of the animal and plant health
10 inspection service of the United States department of agriculture. The state veterinarian shall
11 confiscate and dispose of any animal kept in violation of this section. The board shall adopt
12 rules governing the keeping of a primate, wolf, or wolf hybrid in captivity and to implement this
13 section. As used in this section, "primate" does not include a human being; "wolf" means any
14 animal of the species canis lupus; and "wolf hybrid" means any animal that is any part wolf. A
15 person who willfully violates this section is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.