

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2241

Introduced by

Senators Mathern, Heitkamp, Krauter, G. Nelson

Representatives Boucher, Dorso

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-02 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the introduction of nonnative fish species; and to provide a penalty.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 20.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Introduction of nonnative fish species - Approval of legislative assembly required**
7 **- Penalty.** The director may not introduce any nonnative fish species into any body of water
8 located in this state without first obtaining the prior approval of the legislative assembly. In
9 determining whether to grant approval, the legislative assembly shall solicit information and
10 testimony from the states and provinces of the Dominion of Canada in which is located a
11 portion of the same drainage basin as the body of water into which the nonnative fish species is
12 to be introduced. In addition, the legislative assembly shall solicit information from the
13 American fisheries society concerning the introduction. Any person who willfully violates this
14 section is guilty of a class C felony.