

HOUSE BILL NO. 1182

Introduced by

Representatives DeKrey, Delmore, Fairfield, Hanson

1 A BILL for an Act to prohibit the private ownership of primates, wolves, wolf hybrids, skunks,
2 and raccoons; to amend and reenact section 36-01-08.2 of the North Dakota Century Code,
3 relating to certain animals held in captivity; and to provide a penalty.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Ownership of primates, wolves, wolf hybrids, skunks, and raccoons**
6 **prohibited - Exception - Penalty.** No person may keep a primate, wolf, wolf hybrid, skunk, or
7 raccoon in captivity. This section does not apply to a zoo licensed by the regulatory
8 enforcement and animal care program of the animal and plant health inspection service of the
9 United States department of agriculture. A person keeping a primate, wolf, wolf hybrid, skunk,
10 or raccoon in captivity on August 1, 1997, may continue to keep that animal if it is neutered. As
11 used in this section, "primate" does not include a human being; "wolf" means any animal of the
12 species canis lupus; and "wolf hybrid" means any animal that is any part wolf. A person who
13 willfully violates this section is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

14 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 36-01-08.2 of the 1995 Supplement to the North
15 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

16 **36-01-08.2. Mountain lions, ~~wolves, and wolf hybrids~~ held in captivity -**
17 **Identification required.** Any person who keeps a mountain lion, ~~wolf, or wolf hybrid~~ in captivity
18 must obtain an identification number from the board. The number must be tattooed in indelible
19 ink inside the ear of the animal for permanent identification purposes.