

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1125

Introduced by

Natural Resources Committee

(At the request of the Agriculture Commissioner)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 4-01-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to control of predatory animals, destructive birds, and injurious field rodents.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-01-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **4-01-17.1. State to cooperate with the animal and plant health inspection service**
7 **and other agencies in destruction of predatory animals, destructive birds, and injurious**
8 **field rodents.** The agriculture commissioner may cooperate with the United States department
9 of agriculture, animal and plant health inspection service, or other appropriate federal agency,
10 in the control and destruction of ~~coyotes, wolves, bobcats, and foxes~~ fur-bearers that are
11 injurious to livestock, poultry, and big and small game; injurious field rodents ~~in rural areas and~~
12 big game; and ~~certain nongame species of~~ birds causing crop damage or substantial economic
13 loss or threatening human health and domestic livestock. This control and destruction must be
14 approved by the director of the game and fish department. The agriculture commissioner may
15 enter into written agreements with the animal and plant health inspection service or other
16 appropriate federal agency, and the director of the game and fish department covering the
17 methods and procedures for the control and destruction of these birds and animals, the extent
18 of supervision by either or both the agriculture commissioner and the animal and plant health
19 inspection service or other appropriate federal agency, and the use and expenditure of the
20 funds appropriated therefor by the legislative assembly. The agriculture commissioner, in
21 cooperation with the animal and plant health inspection service or other appropriate federal
22 agency, may enter into agreements with other governmental agencies and with counties,
23 associations, corporations, limited liability companies, or individuals when cooperation is
24 deemed to be necessary to promote the control and destruction of these birds and animals.