



Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Testimony in support of HB 1411

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Chairman Kreun and members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, my name is Stephanie Tucker and I am the Game Management Section Leader and Furbearer Biologist with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

We support these proposed changes to NDCC 20.1-01-08 as they clarify state law to ensure producers and homeowners know they can use artificial lights when removing predators that are harassing or causing depredations or damage. While our Department has always interpreted this law as providing a method of action for individuals any time of the year, regardless of whether there is an open season on the animal in question, these changes make that interpretation crystal clear.

The bill also addresses concerns related to “calving seasons” as discussed earlier in the session. As you are aware, the timing of calving across North Dakota is highly variable, and this bill confirms livestock producers (or their agents) can take action with the aid of artificial lights no matter when their calving season occurs.

Therefore, Chairman Kreun, the Department respectfully requests a DO PASS on HB 1411.