

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1326**

Introduced by

Representatives Sitte, Aarsvold, L. Meier

Senators Dever, Kilzer, Kringstad

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 possession of live venomous reptiles; and to provide a penalty.

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

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

6 **Venomous reptiles - Possession - Permit - Penalty.**

- 7 1. Except in accordance with the terms of a permit issued under subsection 2, a  
8 person may not possess a live venomous reptile.
- 9 2. The state veterinarian may issue a permit for the possession of a live venomous  
10 reptile only if, in the determination of the state veterinarian, the applicant seeking  
11 the permit demonstrates an educational purpose for and the ability to appropriately  
12 house, feed, care for, handle, and if necessary dispose of the reptile. For purposes  
13 of this subsection, an educational purpose includes research, and displays at  
14 schools, institutions of higher education, wildlife preserves, and zoos. The state  
15 veterinarian may establish the length of time for which each permit is valid.
- 16 3. A person may not release in this state any reptile whose possession is prohibited  
17 by this section.
- 18 4. A person who violates this section is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.