

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1326
with Senate Amendments**

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

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