

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1102
(Natural Resources Committee)
(At the request of the Game and Fish Department)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 20.1-07-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the destruction and disposition of depredating fur-bearing animals; and to provide for a report.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 20.1-07-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

20.1-07-04. Depredating fur-bearing animals - Destruction and disposition. A landowner or tenant or that person's agent may catch or kill any wild fur-bearing animal that is committing depredations upon that person's poultry, domestic animals, or crops. ~~A, except a~~ landowner or tenant or that person's agent shall notify and obtain the approval of the director before catching or killing a black bear. ~~Except as provided in this section, a~~ A landowner or tenant or that person's agent may not commercialize in, sell, or ship an animal or the pelt or any part of an animal caught or killed under this section if caught or killed during the closed season. ~~The landowner or tenant or that person's agent may possess a black bear killed under this section.~~ A person catching or killing a black bear or mountain lion under this section shall report the capture or killing to the department within twenty-four hours and the entire animal must be turned over to the department.

SECTION 2. GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT TO ASSESS STATUS OF MOUNTAIN LIONS - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. The game and fish department, in cooperation with tribal authorities, shall assess the status of mountain lions in North Dakota. The department shall report its findings to the legislative council before July 1, 2006.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1102.

House Vote: Yeas 70 Nays 17 Absent 7

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 0 Absent 2

Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Governor

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Secretary of State