

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments**

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;~~ big
12 game threatening human health or domestic livestock; and ~~certain nongame species of birds~~
13 causing crop damage or substantial economic loss or threatening human health. This control
14 and destruction must be approved by the director of the game and fish department. The
15 agriculture commissioner may enter into written agreements with the animal and plant health
16 inspection service or other appropriate federal agency, and the director of the game and fish
17 department covering the methods and procedures for the control and destruction of these birds
18 and animals, the extent of supervision by either or both the agriculture commissioner and the
19 animal and plant health inspection service or other appropriate federal agency, and the use and
20 expenditure of the funds appropriated therefor by the legislative assembly. The agriculture
21 commissioner, in cooperation with the animal and plant health inspection service or other
22 appropriate federal agency, may enter into agreements with other governmental agencies and
23 with counties, associations, corporations, limited liability companies, or individuals when

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- 1 cooperation is deemed to be necessary to promote the control and destruction of these birds
- 2 and animals.