

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1125
(Natural Resources Committee)
(At the request of the Agriculture Commissioner)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 4-01-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to control of predatory animals, destructive birds, and injurious field rodents.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 4-01-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-01-17.1. State to cooperate with the animal and plant health inspection service and other agencies in destruction of predatory animals, destructive birds, and injurious field rodents. The agriculture commissioner may cooperate with the United States department of agriculture, animal and plant health inspection service, or other appropriate federal agency, in the control and destruction of ~~coyotes, wolves, bobcats, and foxes~~ fur-bearers that are injurious to livestock, poultry, and big and small game; injurious field rodents ~~in rural areas~~; big game threatening human health or domestic livestock; and ~~certain nongame species of birds causing crop damage or substantial economic loss or threatening human health~~. This control and destruction must be approved by the director of the game and fish department. The agriculture commissioner may enter into written agreements with the animal and plant health inspection service or other appropriate federal agency, and the director of the game and fish department covering the methods and procedures for the control and destruction of these birds and animals, the extent of supervision by either or both the agriculture commissioner and the animal and plant health inspection service or other appropriate federal agency, and the use and expenditure of the funds appropriated therefor by the legislative assembly. The agriculture commissioner, in cooperation with the animal and plant health inspection service or other appropriate federal agency, may enter into agreements with other governmental agencies and with counties, associations, corporations, limited liability companies, or individuals when cooperation is deemed to be necessary to promote the control and destruction of these birds and animals.

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 Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1125.

House Vote: Yeas 88 Nays 0 Absent 6

Senate Vote: Yeas 44 Nays 0 Absent 3

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State