

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 20.1-01-08 and 20.1-05-04 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to use of infrared, red, green, or amber artificial light while
3 hunting coyote and fox.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-01-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **20.1-01-08. Hunting with artificial light prohibited - Exception.**

8 ~~It is unlawful for an~~An individual ~~to may not~~ pursue, shoot, kill, take, or attempt to take any
9 wildlife between sunset of one day and sunrise of the next, with the aid of a spotlight or any
10 other artificial light. ~~This section does not make it unlawful for, except~~ an individual ~~to use may:~~

- 11 1. Use a lantern, spotlight, or other artificial light to assist the person in pursuing and
12 shooting on the person's premises ~~any~~a coyote, fox, skunk, mink, raccoon, beaver,
13 weasel, owl, rabbit, or other predatory animal or bird, attacking and attempting to
14 destroy the person's poultry, livestock, or other property. ~~It is permissible to use; and~~
- 15 2. Use an artificial light, including infrared, with a power source of not more than six volts
16 while hunting afoot for coyote, fox, raccoon, or beaver during the open season on the
17 animal. ~~A red or amber filter~~The artificial light must be placed on any artificial
18 light produce a red, green, or amber color when used in the hunting of coyote, fox,
19 raccoon, or beaver, except when taking a raccoon treed or at bay.

20 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-05-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **20.1-05-04. Using certain animals and artificial lights in taking big game unlawful.**

2 ~~No person, to hunt, pursue, kill, take, or attempt~~While hunting, pursuing, killing, taking, or
3 attempting to take, or to aid~~aiding~~ in the hunting or taking of, any big game animal, an individual
4 may not:

5 1. Use any animal except horses or mules.

6 2. Use ~~any~~ artificial light, including ~~spotlights~~a spotlight and an automobile ~~and/or~~
7 motorcycle ~~headlights~~headlight.

8 3. Engage in the practice commonly known as shining for deer. An individual who shines
9 ~~any~~an area commonly frequented by big game animals with ~~any~~ artificial light,
10 between the hours of sunset and sunrise, is in violation of this section. However, an
11 individual may use a flashlight with a power source of not ~~over~~more than six volts in
12 the area to take coyote, fox, raccoon, or beaver.