

**Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1454
(Representatives Damschen, Weisz)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 20.1-01-08 and 20.1-01-09 and subsection 3 of section 20.1-05-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the taking of beaver.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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

It is unlawful for an individual to pursue, shoot, kill, take or attempt to take any wildlife between sunset of one day and sunrise of the next, with the aid of a spotlight or any other artificial light. This section does not make it unlawful for an individual to use a lantern, spotlight, or other artificial light to assist the person in pursuing and shooting on the person's premises any coyote, fox, skunk, mink, raccoon, beaver, weasel, owl, rabbit, or other predatory animal or bird, attacking and attempting to destroy the person's poultry, livestock, or other property. It is permissible to use an artificial light with a power source of not more than six volts while hunting afoot for raccoon or beaver during the open season on the animal. A red or amber filter must be placed on any artificial light used in the hunting of raccoon or beaver, except when taking a raccoon treed or at bay.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 20.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

20.1-01-09. Types of guns lawfully usable in taking raccoon and beaver with flashlight - Penalty.

In the killing, shooting, pursuing, taking or in attempting to take raccoon or beaver with the use of a flashlight with a power source of not over six volts, it is illegal to use a rifle or handgun capable of firing a shell larger than a twenty-two caliber [5.59 millimeter] long rifle shell, or a shotgun larger than four-ten gauge [10.41 millimeters]. An individual who violates this section is guilty of a class 1 noncriminal offense.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Subsection 3 of section 20.1-05-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

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

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-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1454.

House Vote: Yeas 90 Nays 2 Absent 2

Senate Vote: Yeas 37 Nays 8 Absent 2

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2011.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2011.

Governor

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Secretary of State