Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1209

Introduced by

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- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-05-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,
- 2 relating to the use of dogs in the recovery of big game.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

4 SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 20.1-05-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is 5 amended and reenacted as follows: 6 20.1-05-04. Using certain animals and artificial lights in taking big game unlawful. 7 No person, to hunt, pursue, kill, take, or attempt to take, or to aid in the hunting or 8 taking of, any big game animal, may: 9 Use any animal except horses or mules: 4. 10 (1) Horses: 11 <u>(2)</u> Mules; or 12 <u>(3)</u> For the recovery of big game animals, dogs: 13 (a) The dog must be leashed and under the physical control of a handler 14 at all times; 15 <u>(b)</u> The dog must be accompanied at all times by both a handler and the 16 hunter responsible for the taking of the big game animal; 17 Individuals involved in the recovery of the big game animal may not (c) 18 carry a firearm or archery equipment during the recovery; 19 (d) If a big game animal is found alive during the recovery, the dog and 20 handler shall leave the immediate area; and 21 Before the beginning of the recovery, the handler of the dog shall <u>(e)</u> 22 notify the district game warden of the involvement of the dog in the 23 recovery of the big game animal and provide to the district game

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1			warden the contact information of all parties involved in the hunt and
2			the location in which the big game animal was tracked.
3	2.	<u>b.</u>	Use any artificial light, including spotlights and automobile and motorcycle
4			headlights, except artificial light may be used in the recovery process of big game
5			animals.
6	3.	<u>C.</u>	Engage in the practice commonly known as shining for deer. An individual who
7			shines any area commonly frequented by big game animals with any artificial
8			light, between the hours of sunset and sunrise, is in violation of this section.
9			However, an individual may use a flashlight with a power source of not over six
10			volts to take raccoon or beaver.
11	<u>2.</u>	For	ourposes of this section, "recovery" means the time after a firearm or archery
12		<u>equi</u>	pment is used in the taking of a big game animal until the expired animal is
13		loca	ted.