



2024 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 142

Introduced by: **Senator Bordeaux**

1 **An Act to recognize geographic place names containing the word scalp as offensive.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That § 1-19C-1 be AMENDED:**

4 **1-19C-1.** ~~The Legislature finds that all geographic place names containing the~~
 5 ~~term, squaw, are offensive and insulting to all South Dakota's people, history, and~~
 6 ~~heritage. These place names have been replaced by names that reflect~~ The use of the
 7 terms squaw or scalp is prohibited in the official name for any geographic feature within
 8 this state. Official geographic features must be named in a manner that reflects South
 9 Dakota's people, history, and heritage without resorting to harmful or offensive
 10 stereotypes, names, words, or phrases. All state and local government agencies shall
 11 make changes to maps and any other reference materials produced by the state to reflect
 12 the changes provided in this chapter. ~~The use of the term, squaw, in whole or in part, is~~
 13 ~~prohibited as a name for any geographic feature within this state.~~