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HOUSE BILL NO. 1004

Introduced by: Representatives Olson (Betty), Brunner, Juhnke, and Vanneman and Senators Howie and Maher at the request of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks Agency Review Committee

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for the killing of mountain lions under certain
2 circumstances and to provide for the disposition of such mountain lions.

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

4 Section 1. Any person, licensed or unlicensed, may kill a mountain lion if reasonably
5 necessary to protect the life of that person or some other person. Any person, licensed or
6 unlicensed, who owns or cares for livestock or pets, may kill any mountain lion posing an
7 imminent or perceived threat to such person's livestock or pets.

8 Section 2. If any mountain lion is killed pursuant to section 1 of this Act, the person who
9 killed the mountain lion shall notify a conservation officer. If the person desires to possess the
10 mountain lion, the person shall also so notify the conservation officer prior to taking possession
11 of the mountain lion. The conservation officer shall give a dated and written authorization
12 allowing possession of the mountain lion. The conservation officer shall also give verbal
13 authorization to take immediate possession of the mountain lion prior to receipt of the written
14 authorization. The written authorization allows the possession and disposal of the mountain



1 lion. The written authorization shall remain with the carcass while in processing, storage, or
2 display. No part of a mountain lion so obtained may be sold, bartered, or traded. There is no fee
3 for the issuance of such authorization.