

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to repeal certain restrictions regarding the hunting of black bears, mountain lions, and wolves and to establish civil damages for the unlawful taking of mountain lions.

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

Section 1. That § 41-8-2.1 be repealed.

Section 2. That § 41-1-5.1 be amended to read as follows:

41-1-5.1. Any person other than a minor under the age of sixteen years who willfully and unlawfully kills, destroys, takes, or possesses in this state any animal designated by this section is liable to the state for damages, which are five thousand dollars for each elk, mountain lion, or buffalo; ten thousand dollars for each mountain goat or mountain sheep; one thousand dollars for each deer, antelope, or bobcat. However, the return uninjured of the big game animal to the place where captured, or to such other place as the Department of Game, Fish and Parks may direct, constitutes a discharge of such damages. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to any person, who, after providing written notice received by the Department of Game, Fish and Parks, forty-eight hours in advance, takes reasonable actions to protect the person's land, livestock, or crops from serious and extraordinary damages caused by elk, deer, antelope, or mountain lion. Nothing in this section or any other provision of law prevents any person from taking any action necessary to protect the personal safety of that person or any other person who is in immediate danger of harm from a mountain lion or other animal specified in this section.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the

HOUSE as Bill No. 1040

Chief Clerk

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Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

House Bill No. 1040
File No. _____
Chapter No. _____

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Received at this Executive Office this ____ day of _____ ,

19__ at ____ M.

By _____
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The attached Act is hereby approved this _____ day of _____ , A.D., 19__

Governor

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
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Office of the Secretary of State

Filed _____ , 19__
at _____ o'clock __ M.

Secretary of State

By _____
Asst. Secretary of State