41:06:09:01. Grouse hunting season established. The grouse hunting season is open statewide from sunrise to sunset each day beginning on the third Saturday of September except for Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge where the season opens the third Saturday of October. The season remains open through the first Sunday of January. In Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge the shooting hours run concurrently with the pheasant season each day beginning on the third Saturday of October. "Grouse" includes sharptail grouse, ruffed grouse, and prairie chicken.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 2 SDR 18, effective September 16, 1975; 3 SDR 22, effective September 23, 1976; 4 SDR 15, effective September 15, 1977; 8 SDR 170, effective June 20, 1982; 10 SDR 76, 10 SDR 102, effective July 1, 1984; 10 SDR 148, effective July 11, 1984; 11 SDR 172, effective June 27, 1985; 14 SDR 4, effective July 22, 1987; 14 SDR 40, effective September 23, 1987; 14 SDR 164, effective June 16, 1988; 15 SDR 193, effective June 20, 1989; 18 SDR 4, effective July 18, 1991; 26 SDR 162, effective June 14, 2000; 31 SDR 191, effective June 7, 2005; 32 SDR 203, effective June 5, 2006; 46 SDR 116, effective April 29, 2020.

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