



2021 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1035

Introduced by: The Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources at the request of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks

1 **An Act to remove the locking seal requirement for the transportation of big game**
 2 **animals.**

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

4 **Section 1.** That § 41-14-14 be AMENDED.

5 **41-14-14. Tag required for big game transport--Violation as misdemeanor.**

6 No big game animal taken in this state may be transported unless ~~the locking seal~~
 7 ~~and tag bearing the license number of the owner and the year of its issue are securely~~
 8 ~~locked and attached~~ legally tagged, as required by rules promulgated pursuant to chapter
 9 1-26 by the Department of Game, Fish and Parks. ~~The seal shall be securely locked and~~
 10 ~~the tag attached~~ big game must be legally tagged at the time the big game animal is
 11 brought out to a road or into any hunting camp, dwelling, farmyard, or other place of
 12 abode of any kind, or before it is placed upon or in a vehicle of any kind. ~~The seal and tag~~
 13 ~~shall be furnished by the department with each big game license.~~ A violation of this section
 14 is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

15 **Section 2.** That § 41-14-16 be AMENDED.

16 **41-14-16. Tag required for big game transport--Common carrier.**

17 If any big game is transported by a common carrier, to a point within or outside of
 18 this state, the animal must ~~have securely attached, the tag and locking seal bearing the~~
 19 ~~same number as the license~~ be legally tagged, as required by rules promulgated pursuant
 20 to chapter 1-26 by the Department of Game, Fish and Parks. No person may have in
 21 possession or as common carrier any big game animal without ~~the tag and locking seal~~
 22 ~~attached~~ being legally tagged. No big game animal may be offered for shipment, shipped,
 23 or received for shipment by transportation companies unless ~~the tag and locking seal are~~
 24 ~~attached to the big game animal when presented for shipment~~ legally tagged. The

1 provisions of this section do not apply to any nondomestic animal regulated pursuant to
2 § 40-3-26, as long as the animals are accompanied by a bill of sale or other proof of
3 ownership.