



2024 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 172

HOUSE ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Senator Wheeler**

1 **An Act to allow a person to temporarily take responsibility of a feral cat for the**
2 **purpose of spaying or neutering the animal.**

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

4 **Section 1. That § 40-1-2.3 be AMENDED:**

5 **40-1-2.3.** No person owning or responsible for the care of an animal may neglect,
6 abandon, or mistreat the animal, except that any person may abandon a feral cat for
7 which the person assumed responsibility with the sole purpose of spaying or neutering the
8 cat. A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.