



2025 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1262

Introduced by: **Representative** Odenbach

1 **An Act to terminate bounty payments for nest predators, transfer moneys to the**
2 **general fund, and declare an emergency.**

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

4 **Section 1. That § 40-36-9 be AMENDED:**

5 **40-36-9.** ~~The~~Except as otherwise provided for in this section, the Department of
6 Game, Fish and Parks may direct or employ personnel and conduct programs and the
7 Game, Fish and Parks Commission may adopt, ~~pursuant to chapter 1-26-necessary,~~ rules
8 to control foxes, coyotes, feral dogs, prairie dogs, and other wild animals. The expense
9 thereof ~~shall~~ must be paid out of the ~~Department of Game, Fish and Parks~~ department of
10 game, fish and parks fund or the state animal damage control fund.

11 Nothing in this section authorizes the expenditure of moneys as a bounty for the
12 taking of any badger, opossum, racoon, striped skunk, or red fox, or other animal
13 identified by the department as a nest predator.

14 **Section 2. That § 41-2-35 be AMENDED:**

15 **41-2-35.** ~~All~~Except as otherwise provided for in this section, all moneys in the
16 Department of Game, Fish and Parks fund are hereby annually appropriated to be used
17 with any moneys otherwise appropriated to pay the necessary expenses of effectuating
18 the purposes of this title.

19 Nothing in this section authorizes the expenditure of moneys as a bounty for the
20 taking of any badger, opossum, racoon, striped skunk, or red fox, or other animal
21 identified by the department as a nest predator.

22 **Section 3.** The state treasurer shall transfer \$500,000 from the department of game, fish
23 and parks fund to the general fund.

- 1 **Section 4.** Whereas, this Act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,
2 health, or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in full force
3 and effect from and after its passage and approval.