

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE BILL NO. 211

Introduced by: Senator Valandra

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to permit the use of freeze brands on horses and mules.

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

3 Section 1. That § 40-19-3 be amended to read as follows:

4 40-19-3. The branding of cattle, horses, mules, and buffalo shall be done by use of a hot iron.

5 A freeze brand may, however, be applied to horses and mules. A single letter, number, figure,  
6 bar, quarter circle, half circle, or complete circle, or a half diamond, or complete diamond placed  
7 on livestock are unrecordable brands under this chapter, including new split-brands. However,  
8 presently recorded brands ~~shall be~~ are valid as long as fees are paid and there is no conflict with  
9 board policy.

10 A single letter or figure brand is recordable for sheep. A sheep brand shall be either a hot iron  
11 brand or shall be applied with branding paint. No more than two colors or one color and a hot  
12 iron brand may be recorded for sheep under one application fee. Authorized paint colors are  
13 yellow, blue, green, black, red, or purple. No dot, bar, slash, quarter circle, circle, or the letter  
14 "Q" may be registered as a sheep brand. A brand may be recorded for the side, hip, nose, or jaw  
15 on either the left or right side of sheep. No brand may be recorded as "across the back" of a  
16 sheep. A brand, regardless of position, is only recordable in a different color on the same

1 location.