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HOUSE BILL NO. 1136

Introduced by: Representatives Howie, Brunner, Dreyer, Elliott, Pederson (Gordon), and
Pitts and Senators McNenny, Lintz, and McCracken

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to allow certain disabled bow hunters to use special
2 equipment to operate the bow.

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

4 Section 1. That § 41-8-31 be amended to read as follows:

5 41-8-31. No person may at any time hunt, catch, take, attempt to take, or kill any small game
6 or game animal in any other manner than by shooting the same with a firearm, except:

7 (1) Game birds and animals may be taken with birds trained in falconry or with bow and
8 arrow;

9 (2) A disabled person who is missing an upper limb, physically incapable of using an
10 upper limb, or confined to a wheelchair and who has obtained a disabled hunter
11 permit may use a crossbow or other legal bow equipped with a draw-lock device to
12 take game birds and animals; and

13 (3) A legally blind person, who is legally licensed, possesses a disabled hunter permit,
14 and is physically present and participates in the hunt but cannot safely discharge a
15 firearm or bow and arrow, may claim game birds and animals taken by a designated



- 1 hunter in accordance with the license possessed by the legally blind hunter.
- 2 A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.