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HOUSE BILL NO. 1176

Introduced by: Representatives Venner, Bolin, Brunner, Greenfield, Hubbel, Jensen, Kirkeby, Liss, Olson (Betty), Russell, Schaefer, and Tornow and Senators Maher and Sutton

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to authorize certain party hunting methods and practices
2 pertaining to the hunting of big game.

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

4 Section 1. That chapter 41-6 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 The provisions of §§ 41-6-19, 41-6-19.1, 41-6-20, 41-6-27, 41-6-28, 41-8-6, 41-8-18, and
7 any other provision of law notwithstanding, any person who holds a valid South Dakota hunting
8 license for any big game species may allow any other hunter who possesses a valid South
9 Dakota hunting license, for any game animal or game bird species, to kill a big game animal
10 corresponding with the person's big game hunting license if the other hunter and the holder of
11 the big game license are part of a hunting party under the following conditions:

12 (1) For purposes of this section, a hunting party consists of at least two persons who are
13 licensed to hunt in South Dakota, at least one of whom possesses a valid license to
14 hunt a big game animal in South Dakota, and who are present and in the field hunting



1 together and are all using firearms or all using archery equipment;

2 (2) If two or more licensed hunters are hunting as a party, a member of the party may
3 take more than one big game animal, but the total number of big game animals taken
4 by the party may not exceed the number of corresponding unfilled big game licenses
5 in the party;

6 (3) No person who is less than sixteen years of age may participate as a member of a
7 hunting party under this section;

8 (4) A nonresident who does not possess a South Dakota nonresident big game license
9 may only kill a big game animal under this section if the big game license
10 corresponding to the big game animal that is taken is held by a South Dakota resident
11 who is a parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, or spouse of the nonresident.