

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1249

Introduced by: Representatives Lange, Elliott, Iron Cloud III, and Street and Senator  
Bradford

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions related to the use of artificial  
2 light to spot big game animals.

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

4 Section 1. That § 41-8-17.1 be amended to read as follows:

5 41-8-17.1. Except as provided for by the provisions of § 41-8-17, between ~~10 p.m.~~ sunset  
6 and sunrise, from September first to January thirty-first, inclusive, no person may cast the rays  
7 of a spotlight or other artificial light except headlights in any field, pasture, woodland, forest,  
8 or prairie to spot, locate, take, or attempt to take any wild animal except to take raccoons under  
9 the provisions of § 41-8-17. It is not a violation of this section for a landowner or occupant and  
10 one guest to use a spotlight or other artificial light on the owner's or occupant's land, or for any  
11 person employed by the Department of Game, Fish and Parks to use night vision equipment or  
12 artificial lights while in the performance of the person's duty. Any violation of this section is a  
13 Class 2 misdemeanor.

