

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1188

Introduced by: Representatives Schrempp, Dennert, Elliott, Fargen, Feickert, Gibson, Jones, Kirschman, Kloucek, Kopp, Olson (Betty), Russell, Sigdestad, Sly, and Verchio and Senators Nygaard, Lederman, Maher, and Sutton

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to authorize landowners and lessees to possess certain game  
2 animal and game bird trophies.

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

4 Section 1. That chapter 41-14 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
5 follows:

6 The secretary of game, fish and parks may provide a written authorization allowing a  
7 resident landowner or lessee to take possession of the antlers, horns, and skulls of white-tailed  
8 deer, mule deer, or antelope found on the landowner's property or a game bird found on the  
9 property if a conservation officer has determined that there is no reasonable suspicion that the  
10 animal may have been killed illegally. The landowner or lessee may not take possession of the  
11 deer or antelope parts or game bird unless a conservation officer has:

- 12 (1) Examined the animal before it is moved from the location where it was initially  
13 found;
- 14 (2) Conducted an investigation; and



1       (3)   Subsequently made a determination as to the presence or lack of reasonable suspicion  
2           of a violation of state law or rule.

3       If evidence exists that the deer, antelope, or game bird was killed by a firearm or bow and  
4 arrow, the conservation officer shall consult with the officer's immediate supervisor to  
5 determine appropriate disposition of the antlers, horns, skull, or game bird.