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(S.D.)-Senate Says No Dogs In Mountain Lion Hunting



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PIERRE, S.D. (AP) - The South Dakota Senate has rejected a measure to allow dogs in mountain lion hunts outside of the Black Hills.

Senators voted 18-14 to kill the bill. It had already been approved by the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and the House.

The bill's Senate sponsor says it would have allowed hunters to find larger mountain lions and leave smaller ones unharmed.

One senator says he has hunted with dogs and they are hard to control. He says he's seen bobcats torn apart by hunting dogs.

Current law leaves it up to the state Game, Fish and Parks Commission to decide whether hounds can be used to hunt mountain lions. The commission only allows dogs at specified times in Custer State Park.

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