

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1194

Introduced by

Representatives Skarphol, Byerly

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision i of subsection 1 of section 38-08-04 of the  
2 North Dakota Century Code, relating to oil and gas production reports; and to provide a penalty.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision i of subsection 1 of section 38-08-04 of the  
5 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 i. ~~That every~~ Every person who produces, sells, purchases, acquires, stores,  
7 transports, refines, disposes of, or processes oil, gas, saltwater, or other  
8 related oilfield fluids in this state ~~must~~ to keep and maintain within this state  
9 complete and accurate records of the quantities thereof, which records ~~shall~~  
10 must be available for examination by the commission or its agents at all  
11 reasonable times, and ~~that every such person~~ to file with the commission  
12 ~~such~~ reports as ~~it~~ the commission may prescribe with respect to ~~such~~ oil or  
13 gas or the products thereof. An oil and gas production report need not be  
14 notarized but must be signed by the person submitting the report. To satisfy  
15 this requirement, a person shall submit a notarized form listing persons who  
16 are authorized to sign and submit oil and gas production reports on behalf of  
17 that person. Additional persons may be authorized to sign and submit reports  
18 by filing a form containing their notarized signatures with the commission. By  
19 signing the production report, the signer represents that the information  
20 contained in the report is accurate and submits the chief executive officer of  
21 that entity or that officer's designee to the jurisdiction of the commission for  
22 purposes of determining the accuracy of the report. In addition, the chief  
23 executive officer of any entity or that officer's designee filing a false report  
24 under this subdivision is guilty of perjury.