

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1217**

Introduced by

Representative Wardner

Senator Goetz

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 47-19 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to recording the drafter of an instrument affecting real property.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 47-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Instrument to include name and address of drafter.** The register of deeds may not  
7 record an instrument affecting the title to or possession of real property that otherwise may be  
8 recorded under this chapter unless the name and address of the person who drafted the  
9 instrument appears on the record in a legible manner. An instrument complies with this section  
10 if it contains a statement in the following form: "This instrument was drafted by  
11 \_\_\_\_\_ (name) \_\_\_\_\_ (address)." This section does not apply to any  
12 instrument executed before January 1, 1998; a decree, order, judgment, or writ of any court; a  
13 will or instrument issued by a governmental entity; or any instrument executed or acknowledged  
14 outside the state. The validity and effect of the record of any instrument in a register of deeds'  
15 office may not be lessened or impaired by the fact the instrument does not contain the  
16 statement required by this section.