

Fifty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2197**

Introduced by

Senators Cook, Christmann, Traynor

Representative Kliniske

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 14-07.1 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to false allegations of domestic abuse.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 14-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Allegation of domestic violence - Effect.** If the court finds that a party's allegation of  
7 domestic violence in a domestic violence protection order proceeding, divorce proceeding, child  
8 custody proceeding, child visitation proceeding, separation proceeding, or termination of  
9 parental rights proceeding is false and not made in good faith, the court shall order the party  
10 making the false allegation to pay court costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the  
11 other party in responding to the allegation.