

**Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the  
Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January,  
one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine**

SENATE BILL NO. 2280  
(Senators Freborg, Watne)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 11-18-01, 11-18-06, 11-18-07, 11-18-10, 11-18-11, 35-03-11, 35-03-16, 35-22-15, 35-22-16, 35-27-12, 40-50.1-14, 40-50.1-17, 47-19-10, 47-29-04, and subsection 2 of section 52-04-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the recording of documents by the register of deeds; and to repeal section 19-08-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to recording of bottle brands.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 11-18-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**11-18-01. Register of deeds' duties - Recording and filing instruments - Abstracts**  
~~—Recording brands.~~ The register of deeds shall:

1. Keep a full and true record, in proper books or other storage media provided for that purpose, of each patent, deed, mortgage, bill of sale, security agreement, judgment, decree, lien, certificate of sale, and other instrument required to be filed or admitted to record, if the person offering ~~such the~~ instrument for filing or recording ~~shall first pay~~ pays to the register of deeds the fees provided by law for ~~such the~~ filing or recording.
2. Endorse upon each instrument filed with the register of deeds for record or otherwise the date and the hour and minute of the day of ~~such the~~ filing or recording.
3. ~~Endorse upon each instrument, when the same is recorded, in addition to the data specified in subsection 2, the number or letter designating the book of records in which the record of the instrument is made and the page upon which it is recorded.~~
4. When the instrument is recorded or filed, endorse ~~thereon, in a note at~~ on the instrument the ~~foot of the recorded instrument~~ book and page or document number, the date, and the hour and minute of the date when it was recorded or filed with the register of deeds ~~and the book of records in which the record thereof is made and the page upon which it is recorded.~~
5. ~~4.~~ Prepare a security agreement abstract ~~forthwith~~ whenever any person requests the ~~same~~ agreement and pays the required fee.
6. ~~Continue an abstract of title to real property prepared by the register of deeds whenever any person presents the same to the register of deeds for continuation and pays the required fee.~~
7. ~~Record in a book suitable for such purposes and maintained in the register of deeds' office as a public record, on the application of any person, firm, corporation, or limited liability company lawfully manufacturing, selling, or bottling soda water, mineral water, and other like beverages within the county, a description of the names, brands, trademarks, and labels, or any of them, used by such person, firm, corporation, or limited liability company for marking its casks, kegs, barrels, bottles, jugs, fountains, boxes, or other packages.~~
8. ~~5.~~ Furnish upon written or telephonic request to persons the information contained in financing statements filed to perfect a security interest pursuant to chapter 41-09 when the collateral is farm products, and to provide written confirmation of the oral information provided upon receipt of a fee which shall be the same as for recording that instrument.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 11-18-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**11-18-06. Register of deeds to keep ~~fee book~~ an accounting record of fees - Monthly reports.** The register of deeds shall ~~keep a book provided by the county in which shall be entered each item~~ maintain an accounting record of fees for services rendered. Within three days after the close of each calendar month and also at the end of the register of deeds' term of office, the register of deeds shall file with the county auditor a statement under oath showing the fees ~~which~~ that the register of deeds has received as ~~such officer~~ the register of deeds since the date of the register of deeds' last report.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 11-18-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**11-18-07. ~~Separate tract~~ Tract indexes to be kept for transfers and for liens - Form of indexes.** The register of deeds shall keep a ~~separate~~ tract index of the deeds, contracts, and other instruments ~~which that~~ are not merely liens and a ~~separate~~ tract index of the mortgages and other liens affecting or relating to the title to real property. ~~Such~~ The indexes ~~shall~~ must be in substantially the following forms:

FORM OF TRACT INDEX TO CITY PROPERTY  
BLOCK NO. 1, IN\_\_\_

No. of Lot	Vol.	Page or <u>Docu- ment No.</u>	Vol.	Page or <u>Docu- ment No.</u>	Vol.	Page or <u>Docu- ment No.</u>	Vol.	Page or <u>Docu- ment No.</u>	Vol.	Page or <u>Docu- ment No.</u>
1	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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11	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
12	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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17	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
18	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

FORM OF SECTIONAL SYSTEM OF TRACT INDEX TO REAL ESTATE TOWNSHIP  
NO. \_\_\_\_\_ RANGE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ SECTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Section	Quarter Section	Part Quarter Section	Vol.	Page or <u>Docu- ment No.</u>	Vol.	Page or <u>Docu- ment No.</u>	Vol.	Page or <u>Docu- ment No.</u>
1	N.E.	N.E. quarter	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
		N.W. quarter	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
		S.W. quarter	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

N.W.	S.E. quarter	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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	N.W. quarter	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	S.W. quarter	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
S.W.	S.E. quarter	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	N.E. quarter	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	N.W. quarter	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	S.W. quarter	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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	N.W. quarter	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	S.W. quarter	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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**SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 11-18-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**11-18-10. Register of deeds to keep reception ~~book~~ record - Contents.** The register of deeds shall keep a ~~book record~~ known as "The Reception ~~Book Record~~". ~~Such book shall~~ The record must be ruled in parallel columns showing:

1. ~~In the first column at the left side of the page, the~~ The document number.
2. ~~In the second column, the~~ The date of filing recording.
3. ~~In the third column, the~~ The name of the grantor.
4. ~~In the fourth column, the~~ The name of the grantee.
5. ~~In the fifth column, the~~ The character of the instrument.
6. ~~In the sixth column, the~~ The book in which and page or document number upon which the instrument is recorded.
7. ~~In the seventh column, the~~ The name of the person to whom the instrument was ~~delivered~~ returned.
8. ~~In the eighth column, a~~ A brief description of the property, if any, described in the instrument.

Immediately after any document or paper of a kind mentioned in section 11-18-09 is numbered, it ~~shall~~ must be entered in the reception ~~book record~~. The reception ~~book shall~~ record must be a part of the public records of the office and open to public inspection during office hours.

**SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 11-18-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**11-18-11. Register of deeds to record ~~or file~~ instruments.** When an instrument affecting the title to or creating a lien upon real estate within the county is numbered and entered in the reception ~~book record~~ and indexed, it ~~shall~~ must be recorded or filed as provided by law. The register of deeds shall ~~write or stamp, or cause to be written or stamped, at the beginning of a recorded provide recording information on the instrument the words "document number" and shall add thereto the number stamped or written on the document.~~ The register of deeds shall add, immediately after the record of such instrument, a certificate reciting that the instrument was filed in the register of deeds' office and giving the date and hour of filing. The register of deeds as required by paragraph 4 of subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 11-18-05 and shall authenticate the ~~certificate~~ information with an official signature, ~~but need not affix~~ and the official seal thereto of the office as required by section 11-18-04.

**SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 35-03-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**35-03-11. Certificate of discharge - How recorded.** A certificate of the discharge of a mortgage and proof or acknowledgment ~~thereof~~ of the discharge must be recorded at length and a reference made in the record to the book and page or document number where the mortgage is recorded and of the minute of the discharge, made upon the record of the mortgage, to the book and page or document number where the discharge is recorded.

**SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Section 35-03-16 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**35-03-16. Satisfaction of mortgage - Discharge - Form - Power of attorney.** A recorded mortgage must be discharged upon the record by the register of deeds having custody ~~thereof~~ of the mortgage on the presentation of a certificate of discharge signed by the mortgagee, the mortgagee's executors, administrators, guardians, trustees, assigns, personal representatives, or special administrators appointed for that purpose, properly acknowledged or proved and certified as prescribed by chapter 47-19. The certificate of discharge must contain a brief description of the mortgage and must state that the mortgage has been paid in full or otherwise satisfied and discharged and that the officer is authorized to discharge the ~~same~~ mortgage of record. Any person executing a certificate of discharge as a personal representative of the mortgagee first shall file and have recorded in the office of the register of deeds where the mortgage is recorded, a power of attorney showing the person's authority to discharge mortgages in behalf of the mortgagee and in the mortgagee's name. The mortgagee shall present the certificate of discharge to the register of deeds for recording in the county in which the property is located within thirty days after the certificate of discharge is signed. The mortgagee may add the amount of the recording fee to the balance of the debt paid by the mortgagor. A certificate of the satisfaction of a mortgage may be made in substantially the following form:

This certifies that a certain mortgage executed by \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, mortgagor, to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, mortgagee, dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_, upon the \_\_\_\_\_ (here describe the property covered by the mortgage) and recorded in the office of the register of deeds in and for the county of \_\_\_\_\_ and state of North Dakota, in book \_\_\_\_\_ of mortgages on page \_\_\_\_\_ or as document number \_\_\_\_\_, is paid and satisfied; and \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize and require ~~said~~ the register of deeds to discharge the ~~same~~ mortgage of record in the register of deeds' office.

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ hand this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Acknowledgment).

**SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Section 35-22-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**35-22-15. Register of deeds - Note of sale on margin of mortgage record.** A note referring to the page and book or document number where the evidence of any sale made under a mortgage is recorded must be made by the register of deeds in the margin of the record of ~~such~~ the mortgage.

**SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Section 35-22-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**35-22-16. Affidavit of publication recorded - Effect of in evidence.** The affidavit of publication must be recorded at length by the register of deeds of the county in which the real property is situated in a ~~book record~~ kept for ~~the record of~~ mortgages. The original affidavit, the record thereof, and certified copies of the record are prima facie evidence of the facts ~~therein~~ contained in the record.

**SECTION 10. AMENDMENT.** Section 35-27-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**35-27-12. Register of deeds to record notice.** The register of deeds shall record the verified notice of intention in the reception ~~book record~~, tract index, and elsewhere according to law.

**SECTION 11. AMENDMENT.** Section 40-50.1-14 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**40-50.1-14. Notice of errors on recorded plat - Certificate by original surveyor.**

Notwithstanding section 40-50.1-06, if a plat, or what purports to be a plat, has been signed and filed in the office of the register of deeds of the county where the land is situated, and the plat fails to identify or correctly describe the land to be so platted or subdivided, or to show correctly on its face the tract of land intended or purported to be platted or subdivided, or is defective because the plat or subdivision and the description of land purported to be so platted or subdivided is inconsistent or incorrect, the registered land surveyor who prepared the plat may sign a certificate stating the nature of the error, omission, or defect and stating the information that surveyor believes corrects the error, supplies the omission, or cures the defect, referring, by correct book and page or document number, to the plat or subdivision and designating its name, if it has a name. The registered land surveyor shall date and sign the certificate.

**SECTION 12. AMENDMENT.** Section 40-50.1-17 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**40-50.1-17. Action by register of deeds.** The register of deeds shall write in plain, legible letters, in black ink that is not ballpoint ink, across that part of a plat which has been vacated the word "vacated" and shall make a reference on the plat to the volume and page or document number in which the instrument of vacation is recorded.

**SECTION 13. AMENDMENT.** Section 47-19-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**47-19-10. Separate books records for grants and mortgages.** Grants, absolute in terms, are to be recorded in one set of ~~books~~ records and mortgages in another.

**SECTION 14. AMENDMENT.** Section 47-29-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**47-29-04. Recording instrument incorporating master forms.** Whenever a mortgage or deed of trust is presented for recording on which is set forth matter purporting to be a copy or reproduction of ~~such the~~ master form instrument or of a part thereof of the master form instrument, identified by its title as provided in section 47-29-01 and stating the date when it was recorded and the book and page or document number where it was recorded, preceded by the words "do not record" or "not to be recorded", and plainly separated from the matter to be recorded as a part of the mortgage or deed of trust in ~~such a~~ manner that it will not appear upon a photographic reproduction of any page containing any part of the mortgage or deed of trust, ~~such the matter shall~~ may not be recorded by the register of deeds to whom the instrument is presented for recording; in such case the. The register of deeds shall record only the mortgage or deed of trust apart from ~~such the matter and shall~~ is not be liable for so doing, ~~any other provisions of law to the contrary~~ notwithstanding any other provision of law.

**SECTION 15. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 52-04-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. Whenever any employer, liable to pay contributions, interest, or penalty, fails to pay ~~the same~~, the amount of contributions, interest, penalty, and costs that ~~may~~ accrue is a lien in favor of the state of ~~North Dakota~~ upon all ~~real or personal~~ property and all rights to property belonging to the employer. The lien attaches at the time the contributions, interest, or penalty becomes due, and continues until the liability is satisfied. To preserve the lien against subsequent mortgages, purchasers for value and without notice of the lien, judgment creditors, and lienholders, job service North Dakota shall file with the register of deeds, in the county in which the property is located, a notice of the lien. The lien is effective from the time of filing of the notice. The register of deeds shall preserve the notice and endorse on it the day, hour, and minute when it was received. The register of deeds shall index the notice of lien in an appropriate index ~~book record~~ and record the notice of lien in the manner provided for recording real estate mortgages. The register of deeds shall accept the notice of lien for filing without payment of a fee by job service North Dakota. Upon payment of the contributions, interest, penalty, and costs, job service North Dakota shall file with the register of deeds a satisfaction of the lien. The register of deeds

shall enter the satisfaction on the notice of lien, index the satisfaction in an appropriate index ~~book~~ record, and record the satisfaction in the manner provided for recording satisfactions of real estate mortgages. The register of deeds shall accept the satisfaction for filing without payment of a fee by job service North Dakota. The attorney general, upon request of job service North Dakota, may bring suit without bond, to foreclose the lien.

**SECTION 16. REPEAL.** Section 19-08-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2280.

Senate Vote:      Yeas     47            Nays     0            Absent     2

House Vote:      Yeas     90            Nays     1            Absent     7

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999,

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Secretary of State