Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1363

Introduced by

Representatives Delmore, Carlisle, Mahoney Senators Lyson, C. Nelson

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 12.1-17-01 of the North
- 2 Dakota Century Code, relating to a mandatory assessment process for simple assault in
- 3 domestic violence cases; to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 12.1-17-01 of the North
- 4 Dakota Century Code, relating to the penalty for assault in a domestic violence case; and to
- 5 provide a penalty.

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

- **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 12.1-17-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
 - 2. Simple assault is a class B misdemeanor except The offense is:
 - a. A class C felony when the victim is a peace officer or correctional institution employee acting in an official capacity, which the actor knows to be a fact, a person engaged in a judicial proceeding, or a member of a municipal or volunteer fire department or emergency medical services personnel unit or emergency department worker in the performance of the member's duties, in which case the offense is a class C felony.
 - <u>A class A misdemeanor when the victim is an actor's family or household</u>
 member as defined in subsection 4 of section 14-07.1-01.
- c. A class B misdemeanor except as provided in subdivision a or b.
- SECTION 2. A new subsection to section 12.1-17-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:
- The sentence for an offense against an actor's family or household member as

 defined in subsection 4 of section 14-07.1-01 must include an order for an

 assessment and counseling with a domestic violence program or other agency that

- 1 provides professional services, unless the court makes written findings for the
- 2 <u>record explaining why such a sentence would be inappropriate.</u>