

Fifty-eighth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2168**

Introduced by

Senators Cook, Tollefson

Representatives R. Kelsch, Porter

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 60-01-34 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the assumption of lost property or money by a finder.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-01-34 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **60-01-34. Finder - Depositary for hire - Assumption of ownership by finder.** One  
7 who finds a thing lost is not bound to take charge of it but, if the person does so, the person is  
8 thenceforward a depositary for the owner with the rights and obligations of a depositary for hire.  
9 Notwithstanding chapter 47-30.1 or any other provision of law, an individual who finds lost  
10 personal property or money and places the property or money in the custody of a law  
11 enforcement agency is entitled to assume ownership of the property or money if the property or  
12 money is not claimed by its owner within two years after the property or money was placed in  
13 the custody of the law enforcement agency.