

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1215
(Representatives Dosch, Clark, Delmore, Kasper, Meier)
(Senator Dever)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 12.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to tampering with, disabling, or falsely sounding a fire alarm and tampering with or disabling fire suppression equipment; to provide a penalty; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 12.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Tampering with, disabling, or falsely sounding a fire alarm - Tampering with or disabling fire suppression equipment.

1. A person may not tamper with, disable, or falsely sound an alarm signifying a fire in a hotel, motel, roominghouse, lodginghouse, or other place of public abode or in any other public place so as to endanger person or property. A person does not violate this subsection if that person sounds an alarm and has a reasonable belief there is a fire endangering person or property.
2. A person may not tamper with or disable fire suppression equipment in a hotel, motel, roominghouse, lodginghouse, or other place of abode or in any other public place so as to endanger person or property.
3. A violation of this section is a class B misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1215 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 87 Nays 4 Absent 3

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 43 Nays 0 Absent 4

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2003,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State