

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2185

Introduced by

Senators Kilzer, Christmann

Representatives Kaldor, Weiler

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 12.1-17 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the prohibition of strangulation of another person; and to provide a
3 penalty.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 12.1-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Strangulation.**

8 1. An individual is guilty of an offense if that individual willfully impedes the normal
9 breathing or circulation of the blood of another individual by:

10 a. Applying pressure on the throat or neck; or

11 b. Blocking the nose or mouth of the other individual.

12 2. The offense is:

13 a. A class C felony except as provided in subdivision b or c.

14 b. A class B felony when the actor used or attempted to use anything but the
15 actor's own hands.

16 c. A class B felony when it is the actor's second or subsequent strangulation
17 offense.