

Sixtieth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2248

Introduced by

Senators Hacker, Nelson, Stenehjem

Representatives Dahl, Delmore, L. Meier

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 12.1-20-05.1, 29-03-01.1, and 29-03-09 of the  
2 North Dakota Century Code, relating to the luring of a minor by electronic means, persons  
3 liable for prosecution in this state, and the venue of certain offenses; and to provide a penalty.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 12.1-20-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code  
6 is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **12.1-20-05.1. Luring minors by computer or other electronic means.** An adult is  
8 guilty of luring minors by computer or other electronic means when:

- 9 1. The adult knows the character and content of a communication that, in whole or in  
10 part, implicitly or explicitly discusses or depicts actual or simulated nudity, sexual  
11 acts, sexual contact, sadomasochistic abuse, or other sexual performances and  
12 uses any computer communication system or other electronic means that allows  
13 the input, output, examination, or transfer of ~~computer~~ data or ~~computer~~ programs  
14 from one computer or electronic device to another to initiate or engage in such  
15 communication with a person the adult believes to be a minor; and
- 16 2. By means of that communication the adult importunes, invites, or induces a person  
17 the adult believes to be a minor to engage in sexual acts or to have sexual contact  
18 with the adult, or to engage in a sexual performance, obscene sexual performance,  
19 or sexual conduct for the adult's benefit, satisfaction, lust, passions, or sexual  
20 desires.
- 21 3. A violation of this section is a class A misdemeanor, ~~but~~ if the adult is less than  
22 twenty-two years of age and reasonably believes the minor is age fifteen to  
23 seventeen. If the adult is less than twenty-two years of age and reasonably  
24 believes the minor is under age fifteen, or the adult is twenty-two years of age or

older ~~or~~ and the adult reasonably believes the minor is ~~under the age of fifteen to~~  
seventeen, violation of this section is a class C felony. If the adult is twenty-two  
years of age or older and the adult reasonably believes the minor is under the age  
of fifteen, violation of this section is a class B felony. The court shall sentence an  
adult convicted of a class B or class C felony under this section to serve a term of  
imprisonment of at least one year, except the court may sentence an individual to  
less than one year if the individual did not take a substantial step toward meeting  
with the minor.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 29-03-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
amended and reenacted as follows:

**29-03-01.1. When persons liable to prosecution in this state.** Any person who  
commits one or more of the following acts ~~and is thereafter found in this state~~ is liable to  
prosecution under the laws of this state:

1. Commission of a robbery or theft outside this state and bringing the stolen property  
into this state.
2. Soliciting, while outside this state, criminal action within this state.
3. Soliciting, while outside this state, sexual contact with a person believed to be a  
minor who at the time of the solicitation is located in this state.
4. Commission of kidnapping or felonious restraint when the victim is brought into this  
state.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 29-03-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
amended and reenacted as follows:

**29-03-09. Venue of kidnapping, forcible restraint, unlawful imprisonment,**  
**electronic luring, or prostitution cases.** The venue of a criminal action for any of the  
following offenses is in any county in which the offense is committed, or into or out of which the  
individual upon whom the offense was committed may have been brought, in the course of the  
commission of the offense, or in which an act was done by the accused in instigating,  
procuring, promoting, soliciting, or facilitating the commission of the offense:

1. ~~For kidnapping~~ Kidnapping, forcible restraint, or unlawful imprisonment, in violation  
of chapter 12.1-18; ~~or~~

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- 1           2.   ~~For A~~ violation of section 12.1-29-01, 12.1-29-02, or 12.1-29-03 relating to  
2                   prostitution;  
3   ~~is in any county in which the offense is committed, or into or out of which the person upon~~  
4   ~~whom the offense was committed may have been brought, in the course of the commission of~~  
5   ~~the offense, or in which an act was done by the accused in instigating, procuring, promoting,~~  
6   ~~soliciting, or facilitating the commission of the offense; or~~  
7           3.   Luring a minor by computer or other electronic means in violation of section  
8                   12.1-20-05.1.