

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2116

Introduced by

Judiciary Committee

(At the request of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 12-47-21 and a new
2 subsection to section 12-47-36 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to wireless
3 electronic communications devices on or within premises under the control of the department of
4 corrections and rehabilitation and records of offenders; to amend and reenact subsection 7 of
5 section 12-47-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of contraband; to
6 repeal section 12-47-38 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to contracting with county
7 jails to house female prisoners; to provide a penalty; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

9 **SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 12-47-21 of the North Dakota Century Code
10 is created and enacted as follows:

- 11 a. It is unlawful for a penitentiary inmate to willfully manufacture, possess, or use
12 a wireless electronic communications device on or within any premises under
13 the control of the department of corrections and rehabilitation or any of its
14 divisions.
- 15 b. It is unlawful for any person to willfully deliver, or possess with intent to
16 deliver, a wireless electronic communications device to a penitentiary inmate
17 or to any person for redelivery to a penitentiary inmate, or to allow a
18 penitentiary inmate to possess or use a wireless electronic communications
19 device, on or within any premises under the control of the department of
20 corrections and rehabilitation or any of its divisions.
- 21 c. A violation of this subsection is a class C felony.

22 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 12-47-21 of the North Dakota
23 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7. As used in this section, "controlled substance" is as defined in subsection 6 of section 19-03.1-01 and includes counterfeit substances as defined in subsection 7 of section 19-03.1-01. As used in this section, "willfully" is as defined in section 12.1-02-02. As used in this section, "alcohol" and "alcoholic beverage" are as defined in section 5-01-01. As used in this section, "tobacco" means any form of tobacco, including cigarettes, cigars, snuff, or tobacco in any form in which it may be used for smoking or chewing. As used in this section, a wireless electronic communications device includes a cellular telephone, personal digital assistant, pager, mobile broadband card, internet router, digital camera, two-way radio, modem, or any other electronic device capable of wireless transmission, reception, interception, or storage of oral communications, text, electronic mail, video or photograph images, data signals, or radio communications, and also includes a battery or component of a wireless electronic device, regardless whether the component itself is able to transmit, store, or receive oral communications, text, electronic mail, video or photograph images, data signals, or radio communications.

SECTION 3. A new subsection to section 12-47-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

The medical, psychological, and treatment records of the department relating to persons in the custody or under the supervision and management of the division of adult services of the department of corrections and rehabilitation may be disclosed for the purpose of conducting research and educational activities. A person conducting research or educational activities may not redisclose identifying information received under this subsection.

SECTION 4. REPEAL. Section 12-47-38 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.