

Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1340

Introduced by

Representative Rick C. Becker

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 19-03.1-22.3, subsections 1 and 7 of section
2 19-03.1-23, section 19-03.1-23.1, subsection 3 of section 19-03.4-03, section 19-03.4-04, and
3 subsection 29 of section 40-05-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to manufacturing,
4 delivering, inhaling, ingesting, and possessing marijuana and using and possessing marijuana
5 paraphernalia; and to provide a penalty.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 19-03.1-22.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **19-03.1-22.3. Ingesting a controlled substance - Venue for violation - Penalty.**

- 10 1. Except as provided in subsection 2, a person who intentionally ingests, inhales, or
11 otherwise takes into the body a controlled substance, unless the substance was
12 obtained directly from a practitioner or pursuant to a valid prescription or order of a
13 practitioner while acting in the course of the practitioner's professional practice, is
14 guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
- 15 2. A person who intentionally ingests, inhales, or otherwise takes into the body
16 marijuana, unless the marijuana was obtained directly from a practitioner or pursuant
17 to a valid prescription or order of a practitioner while acting in the course of a
18 practitioner's professional practice, is guilty of an infraction.
- 19 3. The venue for a violation of this section exists in either the jurisdiction in which the
20 controlled substance was ingested, inhaled, or otherwise taken into the body or the
21 jurisdiction in which the controlled substance was detected in the body of the accused.

22 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 19-03.1-23 of the North Dakota
23 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. Except as authorized by this chapter, it is unlawful for any person to willfully, as defined in section 12.1-02-02, manufacture, deliver, or possess with intent to manufacture or deliver, a controlled substance, or to deliver, distribute, or dispense a controlled substance by means of the internet, but any person who violates section 12-46-24 or 12-47-21 may not be prosecuted under this subsection. Any person who violates this subsection with respect to:
 - a. A controlled substance classified in schedule I or II which is a narcotic drug, or methamphetamine, is guilty of a class A felony and must be sentenced:
 - (1) For a second offense, to imprisonment for at least five years.
 - (2) For a third or subsequent offense, to imprisonment for twenty years.
 - b. ~~Any~~Except for marijuana, other controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, or III, or a controlled substance analog is guilty of a class B felony. ~~Except for a person who manufactures, delivers, or possesses with the intent to manufacture or deliver marijuana, any~~Any person found guilty under this subdivision must be sentenced:
 - (1) For a second offense, to imprisonment for at least three years.
 - (2) For a third or subsequent offense, to imprisonment for ten years.
 - c. A substance classified in schedule IV, is guilty of a class C felony and must be sentenced:
 - (1) For a second offense, to imprisonment for at least six months.
 - (2) For a third offense, to imprisonment for at least one year.
 - (3) For a fourth or subsequent offense, to imprisonment for five years.
 - d. A substance classified in schedule V, is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
 - e. Marijuana involving more than one ounce [28.35 grams], is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
 - f. Marijuana involving one ounce [28.35 grams] or less, is guilty of an infraction.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Subsection 7 of section 19-03.1-23 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7. It is unlawful for any person to willfully, as defined in section 12.1-02-02, possess a controlled substance or a controlled substance analog unless the substance was obtained directly from, or pursuant to, a valid prescription or order of a practitioner

1 while acting in the course of the practitioner's professional practice, or except as
2 otherwise authorized by this chapter, but any person who violates section 12-46-24 or
3 12-47-21 may not be prosecuted under this subsection. Except as otherwise provided
4 in this subsection, any person who violates this subsection is guilty of a class C felony.
5 If, at the time of the offense the person is in or on, or within one thousand feet [300.48
6 meters] of the real property comprising a public or private elementary or secondary
7 school or a public career and technical education school, the person is guilty of a
8 class B felony, unless the offense involves ~~one ounce [28.35 grams] or less of~~
9 marijuana. Any person who violates this subsection regarding possession of ~~one-~~
10 ~~ounce [28.35 grams] or less of marijuana is guilty of a class B misdemeanor or an~~
11 infraction.

12 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 19-03.1-23.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **19-03.1-23.1. Increased penalties for aggravating factors in drug offenses.**

- 15 1. A person who violates section 19-03.1-23 is subject to the penalties provided in
16 subsection 2 if:
- 17 a. The offense involved the manufacture, delivery, or possession, with intent to
18 manufacture or deliver a controlled substance in or on, or within one thousand
19 feet [300.48 meters] of, the real property comprising a child care or preschool
20 facility, public or private elementary or secondary school, public career and
21 technical education school, or a public or private college or university;
 - 22 b. The defendant was at least sixteen years of age at the time of the offense and
23 the offense involved the delivery of a controlled substance to a minor;
 - 24 c. The offense involved:
 - 25 (1) Fifty grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable
26 amount of heroin;
 - 27 (2) Fifty grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable
28 amount of:
 - 29 (a) Coca leaves, except coca leaves and extracts of coca leaves from
30 which cocaine, ecgonine, and derivatives of ecgonine or their salts
31 have been removed;

- (b) Cocaine, its salts, optical and geometric isomers, and salts of isomers;
- (c) Ecgonine, its derivatives, their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers; or
- (d) Any compound, mixture, or preparation that contains any quantity of any of the substance referred to in subparagraphs a through c;
- (3) Five grams or more of a mixture or substance described in paragraph 2 which contains cocaine base;
- (4) Ten grams or more of phencyclidine or one hundred grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of phencyclidine;
- (5) One gram, one hundred dosage units, or one-half liquid ounce or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of lysergic acid diethylamide;
- (6) Forty grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide or ten grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of any analog of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide;
- (7) Fifty grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine;
- (8) Ten grams, one hundred dosage units, or one-half liquid ounce or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of 3,4-methylenedioxy-N-methylamphetamine, C₁₁H₁₅NO₂;
- (9) One hundred dosage units or one-half liquid ounce of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of gamma-hydroxybutyrate or gamma-butyrolactone or 1,4 butanediol or any substance that is an analog of gamma-hydroxybutyrate;
- (10) One hundred dosage units or one-half liquid ounce of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of flunitrazepam; or
- (11) Five hundred grams or more of marijuana; or
- d. The defendant had a firearm in the defendant's actual possession at the time of the offense.

2. The offense is:

- a. A class AA felony if the violation of section 19-03.1-23 is designated as a class A felony.
- b. A class A felony if the violation of section 19-03.1-23 is designated as a class B felony.
- c. A class B felony if the violation of section 19-03.1-23 is designated as a class C felony.
- d. A class C felony if the violation of section 19-03.1-23 is designated as a class A misdemeanor.
- e. A class A misdemeanor if the violation of section 19-03.1-23 is designated as a class B misdemeanor.
- f. A class B misdemeanor if the violation of section 19-03.1-23 is an infraction.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Subsection 3 of section 19-03.4-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. A person may not use or possess with intent to use drug paraphernalia to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, or conceal marijuana in violation of chapter 19-03.1. A person violating this subsection is guilty of ~~a class A misdemeanor~~ an infraction.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 19-03.4-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

19-03.4-04. Unlawful manufacture or delivery of drug paraphernalia - Penalty.

A person may not deliver, possess with intent to deliver, or manufacture with intent to deliver, drug paraphernalia, if that person knows or should reasonably know that the drug paraphernalia will be used to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, conceal, inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance in violation of chapter 19-03.1. Any person violating this section is guilty of a class C felony if the drug paraphernalia will be used to manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, inject, ingest, inhale, or analyze a controlled substance, other than marijuana, classified in schedule I, II, or III of chapter 19-03.1. Otherwise, a violation of this section is ~~a class AB misdemeanor~~ an infraction.

1 **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 29 of section 40-05-02 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
3 29. Marijuana possession. To prohibit by ordinance any person, except a person operating
4 a motor vehicle, from possessing ~~not more than one-half ounce [14.175 grams] of~~
5 marijuana, as defined by section 19-03.1-01, within the jurisdiction of a city, and to
6 prescribe the punishment, provided the penalty assessed is consistent with section
7 19-03.1-22.3 and subsections 1 and 7 of section 19-03.1-23 and is subject to
8 subsection ~~49~~ of section 19-03.1-23.