

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1194

(Representatives Vetter, Christianson, Murphy, Dockter, Hauck, D. Johnston, Koppelman, Jonas,
Motschenbacher)
(Senators Paulson, Luick)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 12.1-11-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to false information or false reports to law enforcement; and to provide a penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 12.1-11-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

12.1-11-03. False information or report to law enforcement officers or security officials.

~~A person~~

1. An individual is guilty of a class A misdemeanor if that ~~person~~individual:
4. a. Gives false information or a false report to a law enforcement officer which that ~~person~~individual knows to be false, and the information or report may interfere with an investigation or may materially mislead a law enforcement officer; or
2. b. Falsely reports to a law enforcement officer or other security official the occurrence of a crime of violence or other incident calling for an emergency response when that ~~person~~individual knows ~~that~~ the incident did not occur. "Security official" means a public servant responsible for averting or ~~dealing with~~handling emergencies involving public safety.
2. An on duty law enforcement officer having probable cause to suspect an individual has vexatiously provided a false report regarding another individual to a law enforcement officer or security official shall report the information to the state's attorney of the county in which the violation occurs.

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 Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1194.

House Vote: Yeas 79 Nays 12 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2025,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State