Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1238

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Representatives Olson, Mahoney

Senator Sand

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 2 and 3 of section 6-08-16.2 of the North
- 2 Dakota Century Code, relating to issuing a check without sufficient funds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 2 and 3 of section 6-08-16.2 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:
 - 2. A person who, for that person or as agent or representative of another, willfully as defined in section 12.1-02-02 issues any instrument is guilty of a class C felony if that person has been previously convicted of issuing an instrument without an account pursuant to section 6-08-16.1 or without sufficient funds in a bank or depository pursuant to section 6-08-16, and:
 - a. At the time of issuing the instrument the drawer does not have an account with the bank or depository on which the instrument is drawn; or
 - b. At the time of issuing the instrument or at the time of presentation for payment if made within five business days after the original delivery of the instrument, the drawer does not have sufficient funds in the bank or depository, or credit with the bank, banker, or depository, to pay the instrument in full upon its presentation.

The person is also liable for collection fees or costs, not in excess of fifteen dollars, which are recoverable by civil action by the holder of the instrument <u>or when</u> <u>criminal action is initiated fifteen dollars in costs may be assessed by the court and are payable to the county where the charge is prosecuted.</u>

3. A person who, for that person or an agent or representative of another, willfully as defined in section 12.1-02-02 issues any instrument is guilty of a class C felony if the instrument was for at least ten thousand dollars, and:

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a. At the time of issuing the instrument, the drawer does not have an account with the bank or depository on which the instrument is drawn; or

b. At the time of issuing the instrument, or at the time of presentation for payment if made within five business days after the original delivery of the instrument, the drawer does not have sufficient funds in the bank or

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