

**SENATE BILL NO. 2280**

Introduced by

Senators Freborg, Watne

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 11-18-01, 11-18-06, 11-18-07, 11-18-10,  
2 11-18-11, 35-03-11, 35-03-16, 35-22-15, 35-22-16, 35-27-12, 40-50.1-14, 40-50.1-17,  
3 47-19-10, 47-29-04, and subsection 2 of section 52-04-12 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
4 relating to the recording of documents by the register of deeds; and to repeal section 19-08-07  
5 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to recording of bottle brands.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 11-18-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **11-18-01. Register of deeds' duties - Recording and filing instruments - Abstracts**

10 ~~**-Recording brands.**~~ The register of deeds shall:

- 11 1. Keep a full and true record, in proper books or other storage media provided for  
12 that purpose, of each patent, deed, mortgage, bill of sale, security agreement,  
13 judgment, decree, lien, certificate of sale, and other instrument required to be filed  
14 or admitted to record, if the person offering ~~such the~~ instrument for filing or  
15 recording ~~shall first pay~~ pays to the register of deeds the fees provided by law for  
16 ~~such the~~ filing or recording.
- 17 2. Endorse upon each instrument filed with the register of deeds for record or  
18 otherwise the date and the hour and minute of the day of ~~such the~~ filing or  
19 recording.
- 20 3. ~~Endorse upon each instrument, when the same is recorded, in addition to the data~~  
21 ~~specified in subsection 2, the number or letter designating the book of records in~~  
22 ~~which the record of the instrument is made and the page upon which it is recorded.~~
- 23 4. When the instrument is recorded or filed, endorse ~~thereon, in a note at~~ on the  
24 instrument the foot of the recorded instrument book and page or document

1            number, the date, and the hour and minute of the date when it was recorded or  
2            filed with the register of deeds ~~and the book of records in which the record thereof~~  
3            ~~is made and the page upon which it is recorded.~~

4            ~~5-~~ 4. Prepare a security agreement abstract ~~forthwith~~ whenever any person requests the  
5            same agreement and pays the required fee.

6            ~~6-~~ Continue ~~an abstract of title to real property prepared by the register of deeds~~  
7            ~~whenever any person presents the same to the register of deeds for continuation~~  
8            ~~and pays the required fee.~~

9            ~~7-~~ Record in a book suitable for such purposes and maintained in the register of  
10           ~~deeds' office as a public record, on the application of any person, firm, corporation,~~  
11           ~~or limited liability company lawfully manufacturing, selling, or bottling soda water,~~  
12           ~~mineral water, and other like beverages within the county, a description of the~~  
13           ~~names, brands, trademarks, and labels, or any of them, used by such person, firm,~~  
14           ~~corporation, or limited liability company for marking its casks, kegs, barrels, bottles,~~  
15           ~~jugs, fountains, boxes, or other packages.~~

16           ~~8-~~ 5. Furnish upon written or telephonic request to persons the information contained in  
17           financing statements filed to perfect a security interest pursuant to chapter 41-09  
18           when the collateral is farm products, and to provide written confirmation of the oral  
19           information provided upon receipt of a fee which shall be the same as for recording  
20           that instrument.

21           **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 11-18-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
22           amended and reenacted as follows:

23           **11-18-06. Register of deeds to keep ~~fee book~~ an accounting record of fees -**  
24           **Monthly reports.** The register of deeds shall ~~keep a book provided by the county in which~~  
25           ~~shall be entered each item~~ maintain an accounting record of fees for services rendered. Within  
26           three days after the close of each calendar month and also at the end of the register of deeds'  
27           term of office, the register of deeds shall file with the county auditor a statement under oath  
28           showing the fees ~~which~~ that the register of deeds has received as ~~such officer~~ the register of  
29           deeds since the date of the register of deeds' last report.

30           **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 11-18-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
31           amended and reenacted as follows:



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19           **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 11-18-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21           **11-18-10. Register of deeds to keep reception ~~book~~ record - Contents.** The  
22 register of deeds shall keep a ~~book~~ record known as "The Reception ~~Book~~ Record". ~~Such book~~  
23 ~~shall~~ The record must be ruled in parallel columns showing:

- 24           1. ~~In the first column at the left side of the page, the~~ The document number.
- 25           2. ~~In the second column, the~~ The date of ~~fileing~~ recording.
- 26           3. ~~In the third column, the~~ The name of the grantor.
- 27           4. ~~In the fourth column, the~~ The name of the grantee.
- 28           5. ~~In the fifth column, the~~ The character of the instrument.
- 29           6. ~~In the sixth column, the~~ The book ~~in which~~ and page or document number upon  
30 which the instrument is recorded.

1           7. ~~In the seventh column, the~~ The name of the person to whom the instrument was  
2           delivered returned.

3           8. ~~In the eighth column, a~~ A brief description of the property, if any, described in the  
4           instrument.

5 Immediately after any document or paper of a kind mentioned in section 11-18-09 is numbered,  
6 it ~~shall~~ must be entered in the reception ~~book~~ record. The reception ~~book~~ shall record must be  
7 a part of the public records of the office and open to public inspection during office hours.

8           **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 11-18-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
9 amended and reenacted as follows:

10           **11-18-11. Register of deeds to record ~~or file~~ instruments.** When an instrument  
11 affecting the title to or creating a lien upon real estate within the county is numbered and  
12 entered in the reception ~~book~~ record and indexed, it ~~shall~~ must be recorded or filed as provided  
13 by law. The register of deeds shall ~~write or stamp, or cause to be written or stamped, at the~~  
14 ~~beginning of a recorded~~ provide recording information on the instrument the words "document  
15 number" and shall add thereto the number stamped or written on the document. The register of  
16 ~~deeds shall add, immediately after the record of such instrument, a certificate reciting that the~~  
17 ~~instrument was filed in the register of deeds' office and giving the date and hour of filing. The~~  
18 ~~register of deeds~~ as required by paragraph 4 of subdivision a of subsection 1 of section  
19 11-18-05 and shall authenticate the ~~certificate~~ information with an official signature, ~~but need~~  
20 ~~not affix~~ and the official seal ~~thereto~~ of the office as required by section 11-18-04.

21           **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 35-03-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
22 amended and reenacted as follows:

23           **35-03-11. Certificate of discharge - How recorded.** A certificate of the discharge of a  
24 mortgage and proof or acknowledgment ~~thereof~~ of the discharge must be recorded at length  
25 and a reference made in the record to the book and page or document number where the  
26 mortgage is recorded and of the minute of the discharge, made upon the record of the  
27 mortgage, to the book and page or document number where the discharge is recorded.

28           **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Section 35-03-16 of the 1997 Supplement to the North  
29 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

30           **35-03-16. Satisfaction of mortgage - Discharge - Form - Power of attorney.** A  
31 recorded mortgage must be discharged upon the record by the register of deeds having

1 custody ~~thereof~~ of the mortgage on the presentation of a certificate of discharge signed by the  
2 mortgagee, the mortgagee's executors, administrators, guardians, trustees, assigns, personal  
3 representatives, or special administrators appointed for that purpose, properly acknowledged or  
4 proved and certified as prescribed by chapter 47-19. The certificate of discharge must contain  
5 a brief description of the mortgage and must state that the mortgage has been paid in full or  
6 otherwise satisfied and discharged and that the officer is authorized to discharge the ~~same~~  
7 mortgage of record. Any person executing a certificate of discharge as a personal  
8 representative of the mortgagee first shall file and have recorded in the office of the register of  
9 deeds where the mortgage is recorded, a power of attorney showing the person's authority to  
10 discharge mortgages in behalf of the mortgagee and in the mortgagee's name. The mortgagee  
11 shall present the certificate of discharge to the register of deeds for recording in the county in  
12 which the property is located within thirty days after the certificate of discharge is signed. The  
13 mortgagee may add the amount of the recording fee to the balance of the debt paid by the  
14 mortgagor. A certificate of the satisfaction of a mortgage may be made in substantially the  
15 following form:

16 This certifies that a certain mortgage executed by \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
17 mortgagor, to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, mortgagee, dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
18 \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_, upon the \_\_\_\_\_ (here describe the property  
19 covered by the mortgage) and recorded in the office of the register of deeds in and for the  
20 county of \_\_\_\_\_ and state of North Dakota, in book \_\_\_\_\_ of mortgages on  
21 page \_\_\_\_\_ or as document number \_\_\_\_\_, is paid and satisfied; and  
22 \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize and require ~~said the~~ register of deeds to discharge the ~~same~~  
23 mortgage of record in the register of deeds' office.

24 Witness \_\_\_\_\_ hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D.  
25 \_\_\_\_\_ (Acknowledgment).

26 **SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Section 35-22-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
27 amended and reenacted as follows:

28 **35-22-15. Register of deeds - Note of sale on margin of mortgage record.** A note  
29 referring to the page and book or document number where the evidence of any sale made  
30 under a mortgage is recorded must be made by the register of deeds in the margin of the  
31 record of ~~such~~ the mortgage.

1           **SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Section 35-22-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3           **35-22-16. Affidavit of publication recorded - Effect of in evidence.** The affidavit of  
4 publication must be recorded at length by the register of deeds of the county in which the real  
5 property is situated in a ~~book~~ record kept for ~~the record~~ of mortgages. The original affidavit, the  
6 record thereof, and certified copies of the record are prima facie evidence of the facts ~~therein~~  
7 contained in the record.

8           **SECTION 10. AMENDMENT.** Section 35-27-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
9 amended and reenacted as follows:

10           **35-27-12. Register of deeds to record notice.** The register of deeds shall record the  
11 verified notice of intention in the reception ~~book~~ record, tract index, and elsewhere according to  
12 law.

13           **SECTION 11. AMENDMENT.** Section 40-50.1-14 of the 1997 Supplement to the North  
14 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15           **40-50.1-14. Notice of errors on recorded plat - Certificate by original surveyor.**  
16 Notwithstanding section 40-50.1-06, if a plat, or what purports to be a plat, has been signed and  
17 filed in the office of the register of deeds of the county where the land is situated, and the plat  
18 fails to identify or correctly describe the land to be so platted or subdivided, or to show correctly  
19 on its face the tract of land intended or purported to be platted or subdivided, or is defective  
20 because the plat or subdivision and the description of land purported to be so platted or  
21 subdivided is inconsistent or incorrect, the registered land surveyor who prepared the plat may  
22 sign a certificate stating the nature of the error, omission, or defect and stating the information  
23 that surveyor believes corrects the error, supplies the omission, or cures the defect, referring,  
24 by correct book and page or document number, to the plat or subdivision and designating its  
25 name, if it has a name. The registered land surveyor shall date and sign the certificate.

26           **SECTION 12. AMENDMENT.** Section 40-50.1-17 of the 1997 Supplement to the North  
27 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

28           **40-50.1-17. Action by register of deeds.** The register of deeds shall write in plain,  
29 legible letters, in black ink that is not ballpoint ink, across that part of a plat which has been  
30 vacated the word "vacated" and shall make a reference on the plat to the volume and page or  
31 document number in which the instrument of vacation is recorded.

1           **SECTION 13. AMENDMENT.** Section 47-19-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3           **47-19-10. Separate ~~books~~ records for grants and mortgages.** Grants, absolute in  
4 terms, are to be recorded in one set of ~~books~~ records and mortgages in another.

5           **SECTION 14. AMENDMENT.** Section 47-29-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7           **47-29-04. Recording instrument incorporating master forms.** Whenever a  
8 mortgage or deed of trust is presented for recording on which is set forth matter purporting to be  
9 a copy or reproduction of ~~such~~ the master form instrument or of a part thereof of the master  
10 form instrument, identified by its title as provided in section 47-29-01 and stating the date when  
11 it was recorded and the book and page or document number where it was recorded, preceded  
12 by the words "do not record" or "not to be recorded", and plainly separated from the matter to  
13 be recorded as a part of the mortgage or deed of trust in ~~such~~ a manner that it will not appear  
14 upon a photographic reproduction of any page containing any part of the mortgage or deed of  
15 trust, ~~such~~ the matter ~~shall~~ may not be recorded by the register of deeds to whom the  
16 instrument is presented for recording; ~~in such case the~~. The register of deeds shall record only  
17 the mortgage or deed of trust apart from ~~such~~ the matter and ~~shall~~ is not be liable for so doing,  
18 ~~any other provisions of law to the contrary~~ notwithstanding any other provision of law.

19           **SECTION 15. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 52-04-12 of the North Dakota  
20 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

21           2. Whenever any employer, liable to pay contributions, interest, or penalty, fails to pay  
22 ~~the same~~, the amount of contributions, interest, penalty, and costs that ~~may~~ accrue  
23 is a lien in favor of the state ~~of North Dakota~~ upon all ~~real or personal~~ property and  
24 all rights to property belonging to the employer. The lien attaches at the time the  
25 contributions, interest, or penalty becomes due, and continues until the liability is  
26 satisfied. To preserve the lien against subsequent mortgages, purchasers for  
27 value and without notice of the lien, judgment creditors, and lienholders, job service  
28 North Dakota shall file with the register of deeds, in the county in which the  
29 property is located, a notice of the lien. The lien is effective from the time of filing  
30 of the notice. The register of deeds shall preserve the notice and endorse on it the  
31 day, hour, and minute when it was received. The register of deeds shall index the

1 notice of lien in an appropriate index ~~book~~ record and record the notice of lien in  
2 the manner provided for recording real estate mortgages. The register of deeds  
3 shall accept the notice of lien for filing without payment of a fee by job service  
4 North Dakota. Upon payment of the contributions, interest, penalty, and costs, job  
5 service North Dakota shall file with the register of deeds a satisfaction of the lien.  
6 The register of deeds shall enter the satisfaction on the notice of lien, index the  
7 satisfaction in an appropriate index ~~book~~ record, and record the satisfaction in the  
8 manner provided for recording satisfactions of real estate mortgages. The register  
9 of deeds shall accept the satisfaction for filing without payment of a fee by job  
10 service North Dakota. The attorney general, upon request of job service North  
11 Dakota, may bring suit without bond, to foreclose the lien.

12 **SECTION 16. REPEAL.** Section 19-08-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
13 repealed.