

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1215**

Introduced by

Representatives Dosch, Clark, Delmore, Kasper, Meier

Senator Dever

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 12.1-21 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to tampering with, disabling, or falsely sounding a fire alarm and  
3 tampering with or disabling fire suppression equipment; and to provide a penalty.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 12.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Tampering with, disabling, or falsely sounding a fire alarm - Tampering with or**  
8 **disabling fire suppression equipment.**

- 9 1. A person may not tamper with, disable, or falsely sound an alarm signifying a fire in  
10 a hotel, motel, roominghouse, lodginghouse, or other place of public abode or in  
11 any other public place so as to endanger person or property. A person does not  
12 violate this subsection if that person sounds an alarm and has a reasonable belief  
13 there is a fire endangering person or property.
- 14 2. A person may not tamper with or disable fire suppression equipment in a hotel,  
15 motel, roominghouse, lodginghouse, or other place of abode or in any other public  
16 place so as to endanger person or property.
- 17 3. A violation of this section is a class B misdemeanor with a minimum fine of five  
18 hundred dollars.