

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1215  
(Representatives Dosch, Clark, Delmore, Kasper, Meier)  
(Senator Dever)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 12.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to tampering with, disabling, or falsely sounding a fire alarm and tampering with or disabling fire suppression equipment; to provide a penalty; and to declare an emergency.

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

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

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

1. A person may not tamper with, disable, or falsely sound an alarm signifying a fire in a hotel, motel, roominghouse, lodginghouse, or other place of public abode or in any other public place so as to endanger person or property. A person does not violate this subsection if that person sounds an alarm and has a reasonable belief there is a fire endangering person or property.
2. A person may not tamper with or disable fire suppression equipment in a hotel, motel, roominghouse, lodginghouse, or other place of abode or in any other public place so as to endanger person or property.
3. A violation of this section is a class B misdemeanor.

**SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1215 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote:      Yeas          87                  Nays          4                  Absent      3

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote:      Yeas          43                  Nays          0                  Absent      4

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State