

HOUSE BILL NO. 1097

Introduced by

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

(At the request of the State Historical Society of North Dakota)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-02-02 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the state flag.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-02-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-02-02. State flag.**

7 The flag of North Dakota must consist of a field of blue silk or material which will withstand
8 the elements four feet four inches [132.08 centimeters] on the pike and five feet six inches
9 [167.64 centimeters] on the fly, with a border of knotted yellow fringe two and one-half inches
10 [6.35 centimeters] wide. On each side of said flag in the center thereof, must be embroidered or
11 stamped an eagle with outspread wings and with opened beak. The eagle must be three feet
12 four inches [101.6 centimeters] from tip to tip of wing, and one foot ten inches [55.88
13 centimeters] from top of head to bottom of olive branch hereinafter described. The left foot of
14 the eagle shall grasp a sheaf of arrows, the right foot shall grasp an olive branch showing three
15 red berries. On the breast of the eagle must be displayed a shield, the lower part showing
16 seven red and six white stripes placed alternately. Through the open beak of the eagle must
17 pass a scroll bearing the words "E Pluribus Unum". Beneath the eagle there must be a scroll on
18 which must be borne the words "North Dakota". Over the scroll carried through the eagle's beak
19 must be shown thirteen five-pointed stars, the whole device being surmounted by a sunburst.
20 The flag must conform in all respects as to color, form, size, and device with the regimental flag
21 carried by the First North Dakota Infantry in the Spanish American War and Philippine
22 Insurrection, except in the words shown on the scroll below the eagle. To ensure historical
23 accuracy, reproductions of the flag of North Dakota must adhere to the official design and
24 industry color chart codes provided by the state historical society. A description in writing of the

- 1 flag must be made available to the public by the state historical society. Flags purchased by a
- 2 state entity or a political subdivision must substantially meet the requirements of this section.
- 3 This section does not apply to the purchase of an item that is not a flag but which portrays a
- 4 likeness of the flag of North Dakota, for example, a miniature flag, food, clothing, a lapel pin, a
- 5 paper product, or other nonflag item.