

Sixty-second
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1389

Introduced by

Representatives Klemin, Dahl, Guggisberg

Senators Erbele, Oehlke

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 31-13 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to tampering with a DNA sample; to amend and reenact sections
3 31-13-03, 31-13-04, and 31-13-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the collection
4 and testing of DNA samples for law enforcement identification purposes; and to provide a
5 penalty.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 31-13-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **31-13-03. ~~Persons~~Individuals to be tested - Costs.**

- 10 1. ~~A person~~An individual eighteen years of age or over who is arrested or summoned to
11 appear before a magistrate for the commission of a felony shall provide to a law
12 enforcement officer or correctional personnel at the time of the individual's arrest or
13 appearance or upon booking into a correctional facility a sample of blood or other body
14 fluids for DNA law enforcement identification purposes and inclusion in the law
15 enforcement identification databases. If it is determined that the ~~person's~~individual's
16 DNA sample is included in the law enforcement identification databases, an additional
17 sample is not required.
- 18 2. The provisions of this subsection apply only if a ~~person's~~an individual's DNA sample is
19 not already included in the law enforcement identification databases. The court shall
20 order any ~~person~~individual convicted on or after August 1, 1995, of any sexual offense
21 or attempted sexual offense in violation of section 12.1-20-03, 12.1-20-03.1,
22 12.1-20-04, 12.1-20-05, or 12.1-20-06, subdivision e or f of subsection 1 of section
23 12.1-20-07, or section 12.1-20-11 or any other offense when the court finds at
24 sentencing that the ~~person~~individual engaged in a nonconsensual sexual act or sexual

1 contact with another personindividual during, in the course of, or as a result of, the
2 offense or any personindividual who is in the custody of the department after July 31,
3 1995, as a result of a conviction of one of these offenses to have a sample of blood or
4 other body fluids taken by the department for DNA law enforcement identification
5 purposes and inclusion in law enforcement identification databases. The court shall
6 order any personindividual convicted after July 31, 2001, of a felony offense contained
7 in chapter 12.1-16, 12.1-17, or 12.1-18, section 12.1-22-01, or chapter 12.1-27.2 or
8 any personindividual who is in the custody of the department after July 31, 2001, as a
9 result of a conviction for one of these offenses to have a sample of blood or other body
10 fluids taken by the department for DNA law enforcement identification purposes and
11 inclusion in the law enforcement identification databases. The court shall order an
12 individual convicted after July 31, 2005, of any felony offense or an individual arrested
13 for the commission of a felony offense after July 31, 2009, to have a sample of blood
14 or other body fluids taken by the department for DNA law enforcement identification
15 purposes and inclusion in the law enforcement identification databases. DNA samples
16 must be collected immediately, but may be preserved by the department for
17 subsequent analysis upon receipt of sufficient funding. ~~Notwithstanding any other~~
18 ~~provision of law, if the sentencing court has not previously ordered a sample of blood~~
19 ~~or other body fluids to be taken, the court retains jurisdiction and authority to enter an~~
20 ~~order that the convicted person provide a sample of blood or other body fluids as~~
21 ~~required by this section.~~ Any personindividual convicted after July 31, 1995, who is not
22 sentenced to a term of confinement, shall provide a sample of blood or other body
23 fluids as a condition of the sentence or probation at a time and place specified by the
24 sentencing court.

25 3. If the personindividual from whom a DNA sample is collected is convicted of a felony
26 offense, the sentencing court shall assess the cost of the procedure against the
27 personindividual being tested. The department shall collect the cost of the procedure
28 from the personindividual being tested and transfer the amount collected to the
29 attorney general for deposit in the general fund.

30 4. If the sentencing court has not ordered an individual to provide a sample of blood or
31 other body fluids under this section, or if an individual required to provide a sample of

1 blood or other body fluids under this section has refused to submit a sample of blood
2 or other body fluids, the sentencing court retains jurisdiction to order the individual,
3 including an individual whose sentence to incarceration or supervised probation has
4 expired, to submit a sample of blood or other body fluids for DNA law enforcement
5 identification purposes, or to order the individual to show cause why the individual
6 should not be required to submit a sample of blood or other body fluids for DNA law
7 enforcement identification purposes.

8 5. If a sample of blood or body fluids collected under this section does not contain
9 sufficient material necessary to obtain accurate DNA identification, the crime
10 laboratory may collect another sample for analysis and inclusion in the law
11 enforcement identification databases.

12 6. The laboratory shall retain DNA samples in accordance with laboratory DNA sample
13 retention procedures.

14 7. For purposes of this section, "conviction" and "convicted" means a plea of guilty or a
15 finding of guilt by a court or a jury of one of the above-mentioned crimes,
16 notwithstanding that the court suspended execution of sentence or deferred imposition
17 of sentence in accordance with subsection 3 or 4 of section 12.1-32-02, or a felony
18 offense was reduced to a misdemeanor offense in accordance with subsection 9 of
19 section 12.1-32-02 or section 12.1-32-07.1.

20 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 31-13-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

22 **31-13-04. DNA testing - Procedure - Immunity –Penalty.**

23 ~~The samples~~Samples of blood ~~and/or~~ other body fluids for DNA testing ~~must~~may only be
24 obtained in a medically approved manner by a physician, registered nurse, licensed practical
25 nurse, phlebotomist, medical technologist, or by other qualified ~~medical~~ personnel approved by
26 the laboratory, and packaged and submitted in ~~containers~~kits approved or provided by the
27 laboratory and in accordance with rules adopted by the laboratory. No civil or criminal liability
28 may attach to any ~~person~~individual authorized to draw or obtain a sample of blood and/or other
29 body fluids ~~as provided by this chapter as a result of the act of drawing blood and other body~~
30 fluids from any personindividual for DNA testing, provided the sample of blood and/or other body
31 fluids werewas drawn or obtained according to ~~generally accepted medical procedure~~ssampling

1 ~~techniques approved by the laboratory. Any person who tampers or attempts to tamper with any~~
2 ~~sample of blood or other body fluids or the collection container without lawful authority is guilty~~
3 ~~of a class C felony.~~

4 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 31-13-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **31-13-07. Removal of DNA profiles from database.**

7 ~~A person~~

- 8 1. An individual whose DNA profile has been included in the database under this chapter
9 may petition the district court to seal the court record on the grounds that the arrest
10 that led to the inclusion of the DNA profile has not resulted in a felony charge within
11 one year; has been resolved by a dismissal, acquittal, or misdemeanor conviction; has
12 not resulted in a felony conviction; or the conviction on which the authority for including
13 the DNA profile was based has been reversed or the case dismissed.
- 14 2. The laboratory shall expunge all identifiable information in the database pertaining to
15 the ~~person~~individual and destroy all samples from the ~~person~~individual upon receipt of
16 a certified order. The detention, arrest, or conviction of a ~~person~~an individual based
17 upon database information is not invalidated if it is later determined that the specimens
18 or samples were obtained or placed in the database by mistake or if the specimens or
19 samples should have been expunged. The sealed record may not be opened even by
20 order of the court.
- 21 3. Civil or criminal liability may not attach to any individual or to any state or local
22 governmental entity for the good-faith inclusion and retention of identifiable information
23 in the database from a sample of blood or other body fluids which has been legally
24 obtained.

25 **SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 31-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
26 and enacted as follows:

27 **Tampering with DNA sample testing - Penalty.**

28 An individual who willfully tampers or attempts to tamper with a sample of blood or body
29 fluids or a collection device or kit to alter the outcome of DNA testing is guilty of a class C felony.
30 An individual who willfully possesses, distributes, or assists in the use of a device, chemical, or

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- 1 real or artificial sample of blood or body fluids intended to be used to alter the outcome of DNA
- 2 testing is guilty of a class C felony.