

HOUSE BILL NO. 1281

Introduced by

Representatives K. Koppelman, Maragos, Owens

Senators Carlisle, Oehlke, Schneider

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-12 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a blue alert notice system; and to declare an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Blue alert notice system.**

7 1. Upon the request of a law enforcement agency that is investigating an offense against
8 a law enforcement officer, the bureau of criminal investigation shall activate a blue
9 alert notice to aid in the apprehension of an individual who is a suspect in an offense
10 if:

- 11 a. An individual has threatened a law enforcement officer with a deadly weapon,
12 has used a deadly weapon against a law enforcement officer, or has caused a
13 law enforcement officer to suffer serious bodily injury or death;
14 b. The individual has fled the scene of the offense and a description of the individual
15 or the individual's vehicle is available for broadcast;
16 c. The law enforcement agency investigating the offense has determined the
17 individual poses a threat to the public or other law enforcement personnel; or
18 d. Dissemination of available information to the public may help avert further harm
19 or assist in the apprehension of the suspect.

20 2. The bureau of criminal investigation, in cooperation with the highway patrol and the
21 division of state radio of the department of emergency services, shall prepare an
22 operational plan to prepare for and respond to requests for activation of a blue alert
23 notice.

1 3. As used in this section, the term "blue alert notice" means a quick response and notice
2 that is issued after an individual has threatened a law enforcement officer with a
3 deadly weapon, used a deadly weapon against a law enforcement officer, or caused a
4 law enforcement officer to suffer serious bodily injury or death, and the individual has
5 left the scene of the offense.

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