## Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025

SENATE BILL NO. 2238 (Senators Braunberger, Barta, Cory) (Representatives Foss, Schneider)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 47-32 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to sealing of eviction records.

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

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 47-32 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

## <u>Sealing of records - Nonpayment of rent - Damage to property - Victim of domestic violence.</u>

- 1. A person subject to a court order for eviction for nonpayment of rent or damage to the leased premises, who has resolved all nonpayment of rent and damage claims, may move to have all court records relating to the eviction proceedings sealed seven years after the order for eviction has been satisfied, provided the person has not been evicted from another property during the seven years following the eviction.
- 2. An individual who was subjected to domestic violence as defined under section 14-07.1-01 at the time of the victim's tenancy and was evicted from that tenancy because of a domestic violence incident may move to have all court records relating to the eviction proceedings sealed upon the conviction of the assailant for domestic violence or the issuance of a disorderly conduct restraining order, sexual assault restraining order, or domestic violence protection order against the assailant.

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| House Vote:                      | Yeas 88  | Nays 5                                   | Absent 1 |  |                  |
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