

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1246
(Representatives Christianson, Bahl, Hendrix, Vetter, Dockter)
(Senators Barta, Cory)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 11-19.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to individuals authorized to act in the absence of a coroner.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 11-19.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

11-19.1-06. Individuals authorized to act in absence of coroner.

In those counties in which a coroner does not reside or is not available, the duties of a coroner must be performed by the sheriff, ~~the~~ state highway patrol, or any special agent of the bureau of criminal investigation. The sheriff, ~~the~~ state highway patrol, or special agent shall call upon ~~the nearest~~ a coroner or deputy coroner from ~~an adjacent~~ another county to investigate the medical cause of death of all coroner cases within ~~said~~ the county. In those situations in which, because of distance or adverse conditions, a coroner is not available, the sheriff, ~~the~~ state highway patrol, or special agent shall request the state forensic examiner or the forensic examiner's designee to investigate and certify as to the medical cause of death.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1246.

House Vote: Yeas 82 Nays 11 Absent 1

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2025,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State