

Fifty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2257

Introduced by

Senators Lyson, Cook, Watne

Representative Porter

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 62.1-02-05 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to possession of a firearm at a public gathering.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 62.1-02-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **62.1-02-05. Possession of a firearm at a public gathering - Penalty - Application.**

- 7 1. A person who possesses a firearm at a public gathering is guilty of a class B
8 misdemeanor. For the purpose of this section, "public gathering" includes athletic
9 or sporting events, schools or school functions, churches or church functions,
10 political rallies or functions, musical concerts, and individuals in publicly owned
11 parks where hunting is not allowed by proclamation and publicly owned or
12 operated buildings.
- 13 2. This section does not apply to law enforcement officers; members of the armed
14 forces of the United States or national guard, organized reserves, state defense
15 forces, or state guard organizations, when on duty; competitors participating in
16 organized sport shooting events; gun and antique shows; participants using blank
17 cartridge firearms at sporting or theatrical events; any firearms carried in a
18 temporary residence or motor vehicle; students and instructors at hunter safety
19 classes; or private security personnel while on duty. In addition, a municipal court
20 judge, a district court judge, a retired law enforcement officer, a state's attorney,
21 and an assistant state's attorney are exempt from the prohibition and penalty in
22 subsection 1 if the individual is otherwise licensed to carry a firearm under section
23 62.1-04-03 and maintains the same level of firearms proficiency as is required by
24 the peace officers standards and training board for law enforcement officers. A

- 1 local law enforcement agency shall issue a certificate of compliance under this
2 section to an individual who is proficient.
- 3 3. This section does not prevent any political subdivision from enacting an ordinance
4 which is less restrictive than this section relating to the possession of firearms at a
5 public gathering. Such an ordinance supersedes this section within the jurisdiction
6 of the political subdivision.