

Fifty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2251

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 12.1-23-11 and 12.1-23-12 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to the unauthorized use of personal identifying information,  
3 penalties, and prosecution of offenses in multiple counties; jurisdiction in offenses involving  
4 conduct outside this state; and to provide a penalty.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 12.1-23-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **12.1-23-11. Unauthorized use of personal identifying information - Penalty.**

- 9 1. As used in this section, "personal identifying information" means any of the  
10 following information:
- 11 a. An individual's name;
  - 12 b. An individual's address;
  - 13 c. An individual's telephone number;
  - 14 d. The distinguishing operator's license number assigned to an individual by the  
15 department of transportation under section 39-04-14;
  - 16 e. An individual's social security number;
  - 17 f. An individual's employer or place of employment;
  - 18 g. An identification number assigned to the individual by the individual's  
19 employer;
  - 20 h. The maiden name of the individual's mother; or
  - 21 i. The identifying number of a depository account in a financial institution.
  - 22 j. An individual's birth, death, or marriage certificate.
- 23 2. A person is guilty of ~~a class C felony~~ an offense if the person uses or attempts to  
24 use any personal identifying information of an individual to obtain credit, money,

1 goods, services, or anything else of value without the authorization or consent of  
2 the individual and by representing that person is the individual or is acting with the  
3 authorization or consent of the individual. The offense is a class B felony if the  
4 credit, money, goods, services, or anything else of value exceeds one thousand  
5 dollars in value, otherwise the offense is a class C felony. A second or subsequent  
6 offense is a class A felony.

7 3. A violation of this section, of a law of another state, or of federal law that is  
8 equivalent to this section and which resulted in a plea or finding of guilt must be  
9 considered a prior offense. The prior offense must be alleged in the complaint,  
10 information, or indictment. The plea or finding of guilt for the prior offense must  
11 have occurred before the date of the commission of the offense or offenses  
12 charged in the complaint, information, or indictment.

13 4. A prosecution for a violation of this section must be commenced within six years  
14 after discovery by the victim of the offense of the facts constituting the violation.

15 5. When a person commits violations of this section in more than one county  
16 involving either one or more victims or the commission of acts constituting an  
17 element of the offense, the multiple offenses may be consolidated for  
18 commencement of prosecution in any county where one of the offenses was  
19 committed.

20 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 12.1-23-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

22 **12.1-23-12. Jurisdiction - Conduct outside this state.** Notwithstanding section  
23 29-03-01.1, a person who, while outside this state and by use of deception, obtains, deprives,  
24 or conspires, solicits, or attempts to obtain the property of a person within this state or to  
25 deprive such person of property is subject to prosecution under this chapter in the courts of this  
26 state. The Except as provided in section 12.1-23-11, the venue is in the county in which the  
27 victim resides or any other county in which any part of the crime occurred.