

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1289**

Introduced by

Representatives Roers Jones, Bahl, Ista, Klemin, Rios, Satrom, Schneider

Senators Hogue, Larson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 29-26-22 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to waiver of fines, fees, and costs upon successful completion of an  
3 approved adult drug court program; to provide for retroactive application; and to declare an  
4 emergency.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 29-26-22 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 Upon successful completion of an approved adult drug court program, a court may  
9 waive all unpaid fines, fees, and costs imposed in the criminal judgment sentencing  
10 the defendant to the drug court program, except for restitution. For purposes of this  
11 subsection, "approved drug court program" means a district court-supervised  
12 treatment program approved by the supreme court.

13 **SECTION 2. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.** This Act applies retroactively to an offense  
14 committed before the effective date of this Act, but only for a defendant who successfully  
15 completes an approved drug court program after the effective date of this Act.

16 **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.