

**2025 HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**HB 1350**

# 2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

HB 1350

2/7/2025

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 62.1-01-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to dangerous weapons.

8:37 a.m. Chairman Porter opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Porter, Vice Chairman Anderson, Vice Chair Novak,  
Representatives: Dockter, Hagert, Headland, Heinert, Johnson, Marschall, J. Olson, Ruby,  
Conmy, Foss

### Discussion Topics:

- Examples of dangerous weapons.
- North Dakota concealed carry laws

8:37 a.m. Representative Ben Koppelman, North Dakota Representative for District 16, introduced the bill and provided testimony #36169.

8:47 a.m. Calvin Benson, North Dakota Peace Officers Association, testified in opposition.

### Additional written testimony:

Ashley Lies, Executive Director of the North Dakota State's Attorneys' Association, submitted testimony in opposition #35942

Jane Schreck, Bismarck, North Dakota, submitted testimony in opposition #36077

8:48 a.m. Chairman Porter closed the hearing.

*Wyatt Armstrong for Leah Kuball, Committee Clerk*

## North Dakota State's Attorneys' Association

February 6, 2025

**To:** House Energy & Natural Resources Committee  
Hon. Chairman Porter  
Hon. Vice-Chairs Anderson and Novak  
Members of the Committee

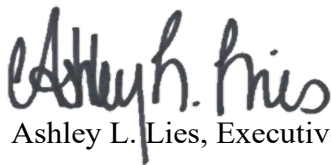
**RE: House Bill No. 1350**

Chairman Porter, Vice-Chairs Anderson and Novak, and Members of the House Energy & Natural Resources Committee:

The North Dakota State's Attorneys' Association (NDSAA) is submitting this letter requesting a **DO NOT PASS** to House Bill 1350.

The additions to subsection 1 of N.D.C.C. § 62.1-01-01 to state that a "dangerous weapon" does not include "an item used for the purposes of carrying out a business, trade, or profession" is too vague and subject to misuse. What is to prevent someone from saying they are a professional ninja and carrying around throwing stars? Or saying their trade is X therefore it is reasonable they are wearing brass knuckles? We aren't sure of the best way to limit this misuse, possibly by saying "legitimate or registered business, trade, or profession," but how it is written right now is ripe for misuse and misinterpretation.

On behalf of the North Dakota State's Attorneys:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ashley L. Lies". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Ashley L. Lies, Executive Director

We need fewer guns in public, not more.

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Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1350

Introduced by

Representatives Koppelman, Bolinske, Heilman, D. Johnston, Marschall, Murphy, Wolff

Senators Cory, Magrum

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 62.1-01-01 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to dangerous weapons.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 62.1-01-01 of the North Dakota  
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 1. "Dangerous weapon" includes any switchblade or gravity knife, machete, scimitar,  
7 stiletto, sword, dagger, or knife with a blade of five inches [12.7 centimeters] or more;  
8 any throwing star, nunchaku, or other martial arts weapon; any billy, blackjack, sap,  
9 bludgeon, cudgel, metal knuckles, or sand club; any slungshot; any bow and arrow,  
10 crossbow, or spear; any weapon that will expel, or is readily capable of expelling, a  
11 projectile by the action of a spring, compressed air, or compressed gas, including any  
12 such weapon, loaded or unloaded, commonly referred to as a BB gun, air rifle, or CO2  
13 gun; and any projector of a bomb or any object containing or capable of producing and  
14 emitting any noxious liquid, gas, or substance. "Dangerous weapon" does not include  
15 an item used for the purpose of carrying out a legitimate or registered business, trade, or  
profession; a spray  
16 or aerosol containing CS, also known as ortho-chlorobenzamalonitrile; CN, also known  
17 as alpha-chloroacetophenone; or other irritating agent intended for use in the defense  
18 of an individual, nor does the term include a device that uses voltage for the defense  
19 of an individual, unless the device uses a projectile and voltage or the device uses a  
20 projectile and may be used to apply multiple applications of voltage during a single  
21 incident, then the term includes the device for an individual who is prohibited from  
22 possessing a firearm under this title.

# 2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

HB 1350  
2/14/2025  
Subcommittee

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9:41 a.m. Chairman Heinert opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Heinert, Representatives Dockter, Hagert, Conmy

### **Discussion Topics:**

- Determination of dangerous weapons

9:42 a.m. Representative Hagert moved a Do Not Pass recommendation to the full committee.

9:43 a.m. Representative Conmy seconded the motion.

9:43 a.m. Voice vote.

9:43 a.m. Motion passed.

9:44 a.m. Chairman Heinert adjourned the meeting.

*Wyatt Armstrong for Leah Kuball, Committee Clerk*

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## Energy and Natural Resources Committee

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2/20/2025

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11:17 a.m. Chairman Porter opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Porter, Vice Chairman Anderson, Vice Chair Novak,  
Representatives: Dockter, Hagert, Headland, Heinert, Johnson, Marschall, J. Olson,  
Conmy, Foss

Members Absent: Representative Ruby

### Discussion Topics:

- Committee action

11:17 a.m. Representative Heinert moved a Do Not Pass.

11:17 a.m. Representative Conmy seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Todd Porter	Y
Representative Dick Anderson	Y
Representative Anna Novak	Y
Representative Liz Conmy	Y
Representative Jason Dockter	Y
Representative Austin Foss	Y
Representative Jared c. Hagert	Y
Representative Craig Headland	Y
Representative Pat D. Heinert	Y
Representative Jorin Johnson	N
Representative Andrew Marschall	N
Representative Jeremy L. Olson	Y
Representative Matthew Ruby	A

11:19 a.m. Motion passed 10-2-1

11:19 a.m. Representative Anderson will carry the bill.

11:20 a.m. Chairman Porter closed the hearing.

*Wyatt Armstrong for Leah Kuball, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**HB 1350 ([25.0939.01000](#))**

**Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman)** recommends **DO NOT PASS** (10 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1350 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.