

**Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4051  
(Senator W. Stenehjem)  
(Representative DeKrey)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the classification of criminal offenses throughout the North Dakota Century Code.

**WHEREAS**, the last major review of criminal offenses was done during the 1973-74 interim, which resulted in a bill that amended 597 existing sections and repealed 245 existing sections of the code; and

**WHEREAS**, there are over 247 offenses classified as felonies, over 708 offenses classified as misdemeanors, and over 147 offenses classified as infractions; and

**WHEREAS**, the proper classification of offenses provides for equitable punishment based upon the elements of the offense committed; and

**WHEREAS**, the appropriate classification of offenses may result in more efficient use of state resources in determining levels of punishment, rehabilitation, and the appropriate alternatives to incarceration;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Legislative Council study the classification of criminal offenses throughout the North Dakota Century Code; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999,  
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Secretary of State