

**SENATE BILL NO. 2130**

Introduced by

Judiciary Committee

(At the request of the Attorney General)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 14-14.1 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the removal of a child from state in violation of a custody decree; and  
3 to provide a penalty.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 14-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Removal of child from state in violation of custody decree - Penalty.** A person who  
8 intentionally removes, causes the removal of, or detains that person's own child who is under  
9 the age of eighteen years outside this state with the intent to deny another person's rights under  
10 an existing custody decree is guilty of a class C felony. Detaining the child outside this state in  
11 violation of the custody decree for more than seventy-two hours is prima facie evidence that the  
12 person charged intended to violate the custody decree at the time of removal.