

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1191**

Introduced by

Representatives Louser, Beadle, Boehning, B. Koppelman

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 47-16 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to service or assistance animals in rental dwelling units.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 47-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Disability documentation for service or assistance animal in rental dwelling.**

7 A landlord may require reliable supporting documentation be provided by a tenant of a
8 rental dwelling that is subject to a no pets policy, if the tenant asserts a disability requiring a
9 service animal or assistance animal be allowed as an accommodation on the rented premises
10 under any provision of law. Reliable supporting documentation may be provided by a physician
11 or medical professional. Reliable supporting documentation must confirm the tenant's disability
12 and the relationship between the tenant's disability and the need for the requested
13 accommodation. A landlord may not require supporting documentation from a tenant if the
14 tenant's disability or disability-related need for a service animal or assistance animal is readily
15 apparent or already known to the landlord.