

Sixty-fourth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1241

Introduced by

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Senators Armstrong, Larsen, Unruh

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-01-36, subsection 1 of section 62.1-01-01,  
2 sections 62.1-02-04, 62.1-02-05, 62.1-02-10, and 62.1-03-01, subsection 5 of section  
3 62.1-04-01, ~~and sections~~ section 62.1-04-02, subsections 2 and 7 of section 62.1-04-03, and  
4 section 62.1-05-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to firearms and dangerous  
5 weapons; and to provide a penalty.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-01-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **20.1-01-36. Suppressor and short-barreled rifle allowed for hunting.**

10 1. An individual in lawful possession of a device that will silence or deaden the sound or  
11 natural report of a firearm when the firearm is discharged may hunt any game for  
12 which the individual is licensed and for which a firearm is allowed with that device for  
13 or attached to the firearm.

14 2. An individual in lawful possession of a short-barreled rifle may hunt any game for  
15 which the individual is licensed and for which a rifle is allowed.

16 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 62.1-01-01 of the North Dakota  
17 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

18 1. "Dangerous weapon" includes any switchblade or gravity knife, machete, scimitar,  
19 stiletto, sword, dagger, or knife with a blade of five inches [12.7 centimeters] or more;  
20 any throwing star, nunchaku, or other martial arts weapon; any billy, blackjack, sap,  
21 bludgeon, cudgel, metal knuckles, or sand club; any slungshot; any bow and arrow,  
22 crossbow, or spear; any weapon that will expel, or is readily capable of expelling, a  
23 projectile by the action of a spring, compressed air, or compressed gas, including any  
24 such weapon, loaded or unloaded, commonly referred to as a BB gun, air rifle, or CO2

1 gun; and any projector of a bomb or any object containing or capable of producing and  
2 emitting any noxious liquid, gas, or substance. "Dangerous weapon" does not include  
3 a spray or aerosol containing CS, also known as ortho-chlorobenzamalonitrile; CN,  
4 also known as alpha-chloroacetophenone; or other irritating agent intended for use in  
5 the defense of an individual, nor does the term include a device that uses ~~direct~~  
6 ~~contact to deliver~~ voltage for the defense of an individual, unless the device uses a  
7 projectile and voltage, then the term includes the device for an individual who is  
8 prohibited from possessing a firearm under this title. However, the term includes a  
9 device that uses a projectile and may be used to apply multiple applications of voltage  
10 during a single incident.

11 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 62.1-02-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
12 amended and reenacted as follows:

13 **62.1-02-04. Possession of firearm or dangerous weapon in liquor establishment**  
14 **prohibited - Penalty - Exceptions.**

- 15 1. An individual who enters or remains in that part of the establishment that is set aside  
16 for the retail sale ~~and consumption~~ of alcoholic beverages and the consumption of  
17 purchased alcoholic beverages or used as a gaming site at which bingo is the primary  
18 gaming activity while ~~in the possession of~~ that individual knowingly possesses a firearm  
19 or dangerous weapon is guilty of a class A misdemeanor. In addition, an individual is  
20 guilty of an offense under this section for the knowing possession of a device that uses  
21 a projectile and voltage in the part of an establishment that is set aside for the retail  
22 sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- 23 2. This section does not apply to:
  - 24 a. A law enforcement officer.
  - 25 b. The proprietor.
  - 26 c. The proprietor's employee.
  - 27 d. A designee of the proprietor when the designee is displaying an unloaded firearm  
28 or dangerous weapon as a prize or sale item in a raffle or auction.
  - 29 e. Private security personnel while on duty for the purpose of delivering or receiving  
30 moneys used at the liquor establishment or at the gaming site at which bingo is  
31 the primary gaming activity.

- 1           f. The restaurant part of an establishment if an individual under twenty-one years of  
2           age is not prohibited in that part of the establishment.

3           **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 62.1-02-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
4 amended and reenacted as follows:

5           **62.1-02-05. Possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon at a public gathering -**

6 **Penalty - Application.**

- 7           1. An individual who knowingly possesses a firearm or dangerous weapon at a public  
8           gathering is guilty of a class B misdemeanor. For the purpose of this section, "public  
9           gathering" ~~includes~~means an athletic or sporting events, ~~schools or school functions,~~  
10           ~~churches or church functions, political rallies or functions, musical concerts, and~~  
11           ~~individuals in publicly owned parks where hunting is not allowed by proclamation~~  
12           event, a school, a church, and a publicly owned or operated buildingsbuilding.
- 13           2. This section does not apply to:
- 14           a. A law enforcement officer;
- 15           b. A member of the armed forces of the United States or national guard, organized  
16           reserves, state defense forces, or state guard organizations, when on duty;
- 17           c. A competitor participating in an organized sport shooting event;
- 18           d. A gun or antique show;
- 19           e. A participant using a blank cartridge firearm at a sporting or theatrical event;
- 20           f. A firearm or dangerous weapon carried in a temporary residence or motor  
21           vehicle;
- 22           g. A student and an instructor at a hunter safety class;
- 23           h. Private security personnel while on duty;
- 24           i. A state or federal park;
- 25           j. An instructor, a test administrator, an official, or a participant in educational,  
26           training, cultural, or competitive events involving the authorized use of a  
27           dangerous weapon if the event occurs with permission of the person or entity  
28           with authority over the function or premises in question;
- 29           k. An individual in a publicly owned or operated rest area or restroom;
- 30           l. An individual possessing a valid ~~class 1~~ concealed weapons license from this  
31           state or who has reciprocity under section 62.1-04-03.1 authorizing the individual

1 to carry a dangerous weapon concealed if the individual is in a church building or  
2 other place of worship and has the approval to carry in the church building or  
3 other place of worship by a primary religious leader of the church or other place  
4 of worship or the governing body of the church or other place of worship. If a  
5 church or other place of worship authorizes an individual to carry a concealed  
6 weapon, local law enforcement must be informed of the name of the authorized  
7 individual; and

8 ~~f.m.~~ A municipal court judge, a district court judge, a staff member of the office of  
9 attorney general, and a retired North Dakota law enforcement officer, if the  
10 individual maintains the same level of firearms proficiency as is required by the  
11 peace officer standards and training board for law enforcement officers. A local  
12 law enforcement agency shall issue a certificate of compliance under this section  
13 to an individual who is proficient.

14 3. This section does not prevent any political subdivision from enacting an ordinance that  
15 is less restrictive than this section relating to the possession of firearms or dangerous  
16 weapons at a public gathering. An enacted ordinance supersedes this section within  
17 the jurisdiction of the political subdivision.

18 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 62.1-02-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
19 amended and reenacted as follows:

20 **62.1-02-10. Carrying loaded firearm in ~~vehicle~~certain vehicles prohibited - Penalty -**  
21 **Exceptions.**

22 An individual may not keep or carry a loaded firearm in or on any motor vehicle, including  
23 an off-highway vehicle or snowmobile in this state. An individual violating this section is guilty of  
24 a class B misdemeanor. This prohibition does not apply to:

- 25 1. A member of the armed forces of the United States or national guard, organized  
26 reserves, state defense forces, or state guard organizations while possessing the  
27 firearm issued to the member by the organization and while on official duty.
- 28 2. A law enforcement officer, ~~except while the officer is engaged in hunting or trapping~~  
29 ~~activities with a rifle or shotgun.~~
- 30 3. An individual possessing a valid ~~North Dakota~~ concealed weapons license from this  
31 state or a valid license issued by another state authorizing the individual to carry a

1           ~~firearm or dangerous weapon concealed if that state permits a holder of a valid North-~~  
2           ~~Dakota concealed weapons license to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon concealed~~  
3           ~~in that state without obtaining a similar license from that state, except while that~~  
4           ~~individual is in the field engaged in hunting or trapping activities~~who has reciprocity  
5           under section 62.1-04-03.1 with a handgun, or with a rifle or shotgun if not in the field  
6           hunting or trapping.

- 7           4. An individual in the field engaged in lawful hunting or trapping of nongame species or  
8           fur-bearing animals.
- 9           5. A security guard or private investigator properly licensed to carry firearms.
- 10          6. An individual possessing a valid special permit issued pursuant to section 20.1-02-05.

11          **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 62.1-03-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
12          amended and reenacted as follows:

- 13          1. ~~An unloaded~~A handgun may not be carried unless by an individual not otherwise  
14             prohibited and if:
- 15             a. Between the hours of one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset, the  
16             handgun is unloaded and either in plain view or is secured.
- 17             b. Between the hours of one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise, the  
18             handgun is unloaded and secured.
- 19          2. The restrictions provided in subdivisions a and b of subsection 1 do not apply to:
- 20             a. An individual possessing a valid concealed weapons license from this state or  
21             who has reciprocity under section 62.1-04-03.1.
- 22             b. An individual on that person's land, or in that individual's permanent or temporary  
23             residence, or fixed place of business.
- 24             c. An individual while lawfully engaged in target shooting.
- 25             d. An individual while in the field engaging in the lawful pursuit of hunting or  
26             trapping. However, nothing in this exception authorizes the carrying of a loaded  
27             handgun in a motor vehicle.
- 28             e. An individual permitted by law to possess a firearm while carrying the handgun  
29             unloaded and in a secure wrapper from the place of purchase to that person's  
30             home or place of business, or to a place of repair or back from those locations.
- 31             f. Any North Dakota law enforcement officer.

- 1           g. Any law enforcement officer of any other state or political subdivision of another  
2           state if on official duty within this state.
- 3           h. Any armed security guard or investigator as authorized by law when on duty or  
4           going to or from duty.
- 5           i. Any member of the armed forces of the United States when on duty or going to or  
6           from duty and when carrying the handgun issued to the member.
- 7           j. Any member of the national guard, organized reserves, state defense forces, or  
8           state guard organizations, when on duty or going to or from duty and when  
9           carrying the handgun issued to the member by the organization.
- 10          k. Any officer or employee of the United States duly authorized to carry a handgun.
- 11          l. An individual engaged in manufacturing, repairing, or dealing in handguns or the  
12          agent or representative of that individual possessing, using, or carrying a  
13          handgun in the usual or ordinary course of the business.
- 14          m. Any common carrier, but only when carrying the handgun as part of the cargo in  
15          the usual cargo carrying portion of the vehicle.

16           **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 5 of section 62.1-04-01 of the North Dakota  
17 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 18           5. A bow and arrow, ~~an unloaded rifle or~~ shotgun, unloaded handgun, or ~~an unloaded~~  
19           weapon that will expel, or is readily capable of expelling, a projectile by the action of a  
20           spring, compressed air, or compressed gas including any such weapon commonly  
21           referred to as a BB gun, air rifle, or CO<sub>2</sub> gun, while carried in a motor vehicle.

22           **SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Section 62.1-04-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
23 amended and reenacted as follows:

24           **62.1-04-02. Carrying concealed firearms or dangerous weapons prohibited.**

25           An individual, other than a law enforcement officer, may not carry any firearm or dangerous  
26           weapon concealed unless the individual is licensed to do so or exempted under this chapter.

27           ~~For purposes of this chapter, the term "dangerous weapon" does not include a spray or aerosol~~  
28           ~~containing CS (ortho-chlorobenzamalonitrile), CN (alpha-chloroacetophenone) or other irritating~~  
29           ~~agent intended for use in the defense of an individual, nor does the term include any stun gun~~  
30           ~~or device that uses direct contact to deliver voltage for the defense of an individual, unless the~~

~~device uses a projectile and voltage, then the term includes the device for an individual who is prohibited from possessing a firearm under this title.~~

**SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 62.1-04-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. The attorney general shall offer class 1 firearm and class 2 firearm and dangerous weapon licenses to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon concealed under the following requirements:

a. An applicant for a class 1 firearm license shall successfully participate in a classroom instruction that sets forth weapon safety rules and the deadly force law of North Dakota, complete an open book test based upon a manual, demonstrate familiarity with a firearm, and complete an actual shooting or certified proficiency exercise. Evidence of familiarity with a firearm to be concealed may be satisfied by one of the following:

- (1) Certification of familiarity with a firearm by an individual who has been certified by the attorney general, which may include a law enforcement officer, military or civilian firearms instructor, or hunter safety instructor;
- (2) Evidence of equivalent experience with a firearm through participation in an organized shooting competition, law enforcement, or military service;
- (3) Possession of a license from another state to carry a firearm, concealed or otherwise, which is granted by that state upon completion of a course described in paragraphs 1 and 2; or
- (4) Evidence that the applicant, during military service, was found to be qualified to operate a firearm.

b. An applicant for a class 2 firearm and dangerous weapon license is required to successfully complete the open book test offered for the class 1 firearm license.

c. A North Dakota resident who has a valid class 1 firearm license also may carry a class 2 dangerous weapon without any further testing required. Class 1 and class 2 permits are equally valid in this state.

d. Additional testing is not required to renew a class 2 firearm and dangerous weapon license. A class 1 firearm license may be renewed upon successful

1 completion of the class 1 firearm requirements within thirty days before  
2 submission of the application for renewal.

3 **SECTION 10. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 62.1-04-03 of the North Dakota  
4 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 5 7. The director of the bureau of criminal investigation may deny an application or revoke  
6 or cancel a license after it has been granted for any material misstatement by an  
7 applicant in an application for the license or any violation of this title. The director of  
8 the bureau of criminal investigation shall disclose to the applicant the specific reason  
9 for denial or revocation of the license.

10 **SECTION 11. AMENDMENT.** Section 62.1-05-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
11 amended and reenacted as follows:

12 **62.1-05-01. Possession and sale of machine guns, automatic rifles, silencers, and**  
13 **bombs - Penalty - Forfeiture.**

- 14 1. ~~No~~A person may not purchase, sell, have, or possess a machine gun, fully automatic  
15 rifle, silencer, or bomb loaded with explosives or poisonous or dangerous gases, or  
16 any other federally licensed firearm or dangerous weapon unless that person has  
17 complied with the National Firearms Act [26 U.S.C. 5801-5872].

18 ~~Any federal licensee who purchases, sells, has, or possesses those items for the licensee's~~  
19 ~~protection or for sale must forward a copy of the licensee's federal license along with the~~  
20 ~~required weapons transfer form to the licensee's local county sheriff and to the chief of the~~  
21 ~~bureau of criminal investigation within five days of the receipt of those forms.~~

- 22 2. A person who violates this section is guilty of a class C felony. Upon arrest of that  
23 person, the firearm or dangerous weapon must be seized. Upon conviction of the  
24 person and motion to the court in which the conviction occurred, the firearm or  
25 dangerous weapon must be forfeited to the jurisdiction in which the arrest was made.  
26 The firearm or dangerous weapon may be sold at public auction, retained for use, or  
27 destroyed pursuant to the court's order. If a qualified local program as defined under  
28 section 12.1-32-02.2 has paid a reward for information that resulted in forfeiture of the  
29 item and the item has been sold, the jurisdiction shall, after payment of expenses for  
30 forfeiture and sale, repay the qualified local program for the reward that it has paid.



1 ~~3. If not prohibited by law, the chief law enforcement officer shall sign any document~~  
2 ~~required by a person to comply with the National Firearms Act within thirty days of~~  
3 ~~receipt of the document.~~