

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1277  
(Representatives Satrom, Karls, Klemin, Roers Jones, Schneider)  
(Senator Larson)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 39-08-01.5 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to suspension of the electronic alcohol monitoring and sobriety breath testing requirement during drug court program participation; and to declare an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-08-01.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**39-08-01.5. Partial suspension of sentence for drug court program or veterans treatment docket completion.**

1. Notwithstanding section 39-08-01, ~~all~~
  - a. All but ten days of the minimum mandatory sentence required for a defendant charged with a third or subsequent violation of section 39-08-01 may be suspended on the condition the defendant successfully completes a drug court program or veterans treatment docket approved by the supreme court.
  - b. If the drug court determines a defendant participating in a drug court program has substantially complied with the requirements of the drug court program, the drug court may suspend the defendant's electronic alcohol monitoring and sobriety breath testing requirement under the twenty-four seven sobriety program for the six months preceding completion of the drug court program.
2. Upon successful completion of a drug court program or veterans treatment docket, a defendant convicted of a felony under section 39-08-01 and sentenced to drug court or veterans treatment docket is deemed to have been convicted of a misdemeanor.
3. If a defendant convicted of a misdemeanor under section 39-08-01 is sentenced to drug court or veterans treatment docket and successfully completes a drug court program or veterans treatment docket, the court shall dismiss the case and seal the file in accordance with section 12.1-32-07.2.

**SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1277 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 92                      Nays 0                      Absent 2

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This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 44                      Nays 0                      Absent 3

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Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State