

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2142

Introduced by

Senators Watne, Andrist

Representatives Kretschmar, Maragos

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 41-09-05, 41-09-25, and 41-09-26 of the  
2 North Dakota Century Code, relating to definition of certificate of deposit, perfection of security  
3 interests by filing, and perfection of security interests in certificates of deposit by possession.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 41-09-05 of the 1995 Supplement to the North  
6 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **41-09-05. (9-105) Definitions and index of definitions.**

8 1. In this chapter unless the context otherwise requires:

9 a. "Account debtor" means the person who is obligated on an account, chattel  
10 paper, or general intangible.

11 b. "Certificate of deposit" means a written acknowledgement by a bank that a  
12 sum of money has been received by the bank and a promise made by the  
13 bank to repay the sum of money. A certificate of deposit may be either  
14 negotiable or non-negotiable.

15 c. "Chattel paper" means a writing or writings which evidence both a monetary  
16 obligation and a security interest in or a lease of specific goods; but a charter  
17 or other contract involving the use or hire of a vessel is not a chattel paper.  
18 When a transaction is evidenced both by such a security agreement or a  
19 lease and by an instrument or a series of instruments, the group of writings  
20 taken together constitutes chattel paper.

21 ~~e.~~ d. "Collateral" means the property subject to a security interest, and includes  
22 accounts and chattel paper which have been sold.

23 ~~e.~~ e. "Debtor" means the person who owes payment or other performance of the  
24 obligation secured, whether or not ~~he~~ that person owns or has rights in the

- 1 collateral, and includes the seller of accounts or chattel paper. Where the  
2 debtor and the owner of the collateral are not the same person, the term  
3 "debtor" means the owner of the collateral in any provision of the chapter  
4 dealing with the collateral, the obligor in any provision dealing with the  
5 obligation, and may include both where the context so requires.
- 6 e- f. "Deposit account" means a demand, time, savings, passbook, or like account  
7 maintained with a bank, savings and loan association, credit union, or like  
8 organization, other than an account evidenced by a certificate of deposit.
- 9 f- g. "Document" means document of title as defined in the general definitions of  
10 chapter 41-01 (section 41-01-11), and a receipt of the kind described in  
11 subsection 2 of section 41-07-07.
- 12 g- h. "Encumbrance" includes real estate mortgages and other liens on real estate  
13 and all other rights in real estate that are not ownership interests.
- 14 h- i. "Goods" includes all things which are movable at the time the security interest  
15 attaches or which are fixtures (section 41-09-34), but does not include money,  
16 documents, instruments, accounts, chattel paper, general intangibles, or  
17 minerals or the like (including oil and gas) before extraction. "Goods" also  
18 ~~include~~ includes standing timber which is to be cut and removed under a  
19 conveyance or contract for sale, the unborn young of animals, and growing  
20 crops.
- 21 i- j. "Instrument" means a negotiable instrument (defined in section 41-03-04), a  
22 certificated security (defined in section 41-08-02), or any other writing that  
23 evidences a right to the payment of money and is not itself a security  
24 agreement or lease and is of a type that in the ordinary course of business is  
25 transferred by delivery with any necessary endorsement or assignment.
- 26 j- k. "Mortgage" means a consensual interest created by a real estate mortgage, a  
27 trust deed on real estate, or the like.
- 28 k- l. An advance is made "pursuant to commitment" if the secured party ~~has~~ is  
29 bound ~~himself~~ to make it, whether or not a subsequent event of default or  
30 other event not within ~~his~~ the party's control has relieved or may relieve ~~him~~  
31 the party from ~~his~~ the obligation.



- 1           b. "Contract for sale".                           Section 41-02-06.
- 2           c. "Holder in due course".                       Section 41-03-28.
- 3           d. "Note".   Section 41-03-04.
- 4           e. "Sale".   Section 41-02-06.

5           4. In addition, chapter 41-01 contains general definitions and principles of  
6           construction and interpretation applicable throughout this chapter.

7           **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 41-09-25 of the 1995 Supplement to the North  
8           Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

9           **41-09-25. (9-304) Perfection of security interest in instruments, documents, and**  
10          **goods covered by documents - Perfection by permissive filing - Temporary perfection**  
11          **without filing or transfer of possession.**

- 12           1. A security interest in chattel paper or negotiable documents may be perfected by  
13           filing. A security interest in money or instruments, other than certificated securities  
14           or instruments that constitute part of chattel paper, and certificates of deposit can  
15           be perfected only by the secured party's taking possession, except as provided in  
16           subsections 4 and 5 of this section and subsections 2 and 3 of section 41-09-27.
- 17           2. During the period that goods are in the possession of the issuer of a negotiable  
18           document therefor, a security interest in the goods is perfected by perfecting a  
19           security interest in the document, and any security interest in the goods otherwise  
20           perfected during that period is subject thereto.
- 21           3. A security interest in goods in the possession of a bailee other than one who has  
22           issued a negotiable document therefor is perfected by issuance of a document in  
23           the name of the secured party or by the bailee's receipt of notification of the  
24           secured party's interest or by filing as to the goods.
- 25           4. A security interest in a negotiable document, certificate of deposit, or an instrument  
26           other than a certificated security is perfected without filing or the taking of  
27           possession for a period of twenty-one days after it attaches to the extent that it  
28           arises for new value given under a written security agreement.
- 29           5. A security interest remains perfected for a period of twenty-one days without filing  
30           if a secured party having a perfected security interest in a negotiable document,  
31           certificate of deposit, an instrument other than a certificated security, or goods in

- 1           possession of a bailee other than one who has issued a negotiable document  
2           therefor:
- 3           a.    Makes available to the debtor the goods or documents representing the  
4           goods for the purpose of ultimate sale or exchange or for the purpose of  
5           loading, unloading, storing, shipping, transshipping, manufacturing,  
6           processing, or otherwise dealing with them in a manner preliminary to their  
7           sale or exchange, but priority between conflicting security interests in the  
8           goods is subject to subsection 3 of section 41-09-33; or
- 9           b.    Delivers the instrument or certificate of deposit to the debtor for the purpose  
10          of ultimate sale or exchange or of presentation, collection, renewal, or  
11          registration of transfer.
- 12          6.    After the twenty-one-day period in subsections 4 and 5, perfection depends upon  
13          compliance with applicable provisions of this chapter.

14           **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 41-09-26 of the 1995 Supplement to the North  
15   Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

16           **41-09-26. (9-305) When possession by secured party perfects security interest**  
17 **without filing.** A security interest in letters of credit and advices of credit (subdivision a of  
18 subsection 2 of section 41-05-16), goods, certificates of deposit, instruments other than  
19 certificated securities, money, negotiable documents, or chattel paper may be perfected by the  
20 secured party's taking possession of the collateral. If the collateral other than goods covered  
21 by a negotiable document is held by a bailee, the secured party is deemed to have possession  
22 from the time the bailee receives notification of the secured party's interest. A security interest  
23 is perfected by possession from the time possession is taken without relation back and  
24 continues only so long as possession is retained, unless otherwise specified in this chapter.  
25 The security interest may be otherwise perfected as provided in this chapter before or after the  
26 period of possession by the secured party.