

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1237**

Introduced by

Representatives Wald, Skarphol, Wieland

Senators Nething, Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 11-19.1-04 and 11-19.1-05 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to the eligibility of a registered nurse to serve as a county  
3 coroner or assistant coroner and required training; to repeal chapter 11-19 and sections  
4 11-19.1-06 and 11-19.1-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the appointment and  
5 responsibilities of county coroners; and to provide an effective date.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 11-19.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **11-19.1-04. Eligibility for office.** No person ~~shall be~~ is eligible for the office of county  
10 coroner except a registered nurse or a physician who has been duly licensed to practice ~~as~~  
11 ~~such~~ in this state and who is in good standing in the profession. A coroner must have  
12 appropriate training in investigation of deaths.

13 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 11-19.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
14 amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **11-19.1-05. Appointment of assistant.** The coroner may appoint in writing an  
16 assistant coroner or coroners who ~~shall~~ must be licensed physicians of good standing in their  
17 profession, registered nurses, or forensic dentists, who shall assist in doing autopsies and  
18 making pathological and chemical examinations, and performing the other duties required and  
19 directed by the county coroner or recommended by the state's attorney. An assistant coroner  
20 must have appropriate training in investigation of deaths.

21 **SECTION 3. REPEAL.** Chapter 11-19 and sections 11-19.1-06 and 11-19.1-17 of the  
22 North Dakota Century Code are repealed.

23 **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on January 1, 2008.