

# WEAPONS

## CHAPTER 564

**SENATE BILL NO. 2213**  
(Senators Lyson, Anderson, Heitkamp)  
(Representatives Carlisle, Thoreson)

### FIREARM POSSESSION BY OFFENDERS

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 62.1-02-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to possession of firearms by offenders.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 62.1-02-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

##### **62.1-02-01. Persons who are not to possess firearms - Penalty.**

1. A person who has been convicted anywhere ~~for~~ of a felony offense involving violence or intimidation, ~~as defined in violation of chapters 12.1-16 through 12.1-25; or an equivalent felony offense of another state or the federal government~~ is prohibited from owning a firearm or having one in possession or under control from the date of conviction and continuing for a period of ten years after the date of conviction or the date of release from incarceration, parole, or probation, whichever is latest.
2. A person who has been convicted anywhere of any a felony offense of this or another state or the federal government not provided for in subsection 1 or who has been convicted of a class A misdemeanor offense involving violence or intimidation in violation of chapters 12.1-16 through 12.1-25 or an equivalent offense of another state or the federal government and ~~that crime~~ the offense was committed while using or possessing a firearm ~~or, a dangerous weapon, or,~~ or, as defined in ~~chapters 12.1-16 through 12.1-25~~ subsections 7 and 8 of section 12.1-01-04, a destructive device or an explosive, is prohibited from owning a firearm or having one in possession or under control from the date of conviction and continuing for a period of five years after the date of conviction or the date of release from incarceration, parole, or probation, whichever is latest.
3. A person who is or has ever been diagnosed and confined or committed to a hospital or other institution in this state or elsewhere by a court of competent jurisdiction, other than a person who has had the petition that provided the basis for the diagnosis, confinement, or commitment dismissed under section 25-03.1-17, 25-03.1-18, or 25-03.1-19, or equivalent statutes of another jurisdiction, as a mentally ill person as defined in section 25-03.1-02, or as a mentally deficient person as defined in section 25-01-01, is prohibited from purchasing a firearm or having one in possession or under control. This limitation does not

apply to a person who has not suffered from the disability for the previous three years.

4. A person under the age of eighteen years may not possess a handgun except that such a person, while under the direct supervision of an adult, may possess a handgun for the purposes of firearm safety training, target shooting, or hunting.

A person who violates subsection 1 or 2 is guilty of a class C felony, and a person who violates subsection 3 or 4 is guilty of a class A misdemeanor. For the purposes of this section, "conviction" means ~~a determination by a jury or court that a the person committed one of the above-mentioned crimes upon a verdict of guilt, a plea of guilty, or a plea of nolo contendere even though the court suspended execution of sentence in accordance with subsection 3 of section 12.1-32-02 or deferred imposition of sentence in accordance with subsection 4 of section 12.1-32-02, placed the defendant on probation, the defendant's conviction has been reduced in accordance with subsection 9 of section 12.1-32-02 or section 12.1-32-07.1, or a determination under chapter 27-20 that the person committed a delinquent act equivalent to the offenses provided in subsection 1 or 2;~~

1. The court suspended execution of sentence in accordance with subsection 3 of section 12.1-32-02;
2. The court deferred imposition of sentence in accordance with subsection 4 of section 12.1-32-02;
3. The court placed the person on probation;
4. The person's conviction has been reduced in accordance with subsection 9 of section 12.1-32-02 or section 12.1-32-07.1;
5. Sentence dispositions, sentence reductions, or offense determinations equivalent to this section were imposed or granted by a court, board, agency, or law of another state or the federal government; or
6. The person committed an offense equivalent to an offense described in subsection 1 or 2 when that person was subject to juvenile adjudication or proceedings and a determination of a court under chapter 27-20 or of a court of another state or the federal government was made that the person committed the delinquent act or offense.

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