

Sixty-fourth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2027

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 12.1-32-06.1, subsections 1 and 3 of section  
2 12.1-32-07, and subdivision c of subsection 5 of section 39-08-01 of the North Dakota Century  
3 Code, relating to length and termination of probation, supervision of probation, and conditions of  
4 probation; and to provide a penalty.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 12.1-32-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **12.1-32-06.1. Length and termination of probation - Additional probation for violation**  
9 **of conditions - Penalty.**

- 10 1. Except as provided in this section, the length of the period of probation imposed in  
11 conjunction with a sentence to probation or a suspended execution or deferred  
12 imposition of sentence may not extend for more than five years for a felony offense  
13 subject to section 12.1-32-09.1, a felony offense subject to section 12.1-32-02.1 which  
14 involves the use of a firearm or dangerous weapon, a second or subsequent violation  
15 of section 12.1-17-07.1, a second or subsequent violation of any domestic violence  
16 protection order, a violation of chapter 12.1-40, or a violation of section 14-09-22; three  
17 years for any other felony offense; and two years for a class A misdemeanor offense;  
18 and three hundred sixty days for a class B misdemeanor or infraction offense from the  
19 later of the date of:
  - 20 a. The order imposing probation;
  - 21 b. The defendant's release from incarceration; or
  - 22 c. Termination of the defendant's parole.
- 23 2. If the defendant has pled or been found guilty of an offense for which the court  
24 imposes a sentence of restitution or reparation for damages resulting from the

- 1            commission of the offense, the court may, following a restitution hearing pursuant to  
2            section 12.1-32-08, impose an additional period of probation not to exceed five years.
- 3            3. If the defendant has pled or been found guilty of a felony sexual offense in violation of  
4            chapter 12.1-20 or 12.1-27.2, the court shall impose at least five years but not more  
5            than ten years of supervised probation to be served after sentencing or incarceration.  
6            If the defendant has pled or been found guilty of a class AA felony sexual offense in  
7            violation of section 12.1-20-03 or 12.1-20-03.1, the court may impose lifetime  
8            supervised probation on the defendant. If the defendant has pled or been found guilty  
9            of a misdemeanor sexual offense in violation of chapter 12.1-20, the court may impose  
10           an additional period of probation not to exceed two years. If the unserved portion of  
11           the defendant's maximum period of incarceration is less than one year, a violation of  
12           the probation imposed under this subsection is a class A misdemeanor.
- 13           4. If the defendant has pled or been found guilty of abandonment or nonsupport of  
14           spouse or children, the period of probation may be continued for as long as  
15           responsibility for support continues.
- 16           5. ~~In felony cases,~~ in consequence of violation of probation conditions, the court may  
17           impose an additional period of probation not to exceed five years in felony cases and  
18           not to exceed two years in misdemeanor cases. The additional period of probation  
19           may follow a period of incarceration if the defendant has not served the maximum  
20           period of incarceration available at the time of initial sentencing or deferment.
- 21           6. Upon petition by the defendant, no sooner than eighteen months from the time of  
22           sentence, the court shall provide a hearing to determine if the defendant should be  
23           discharged from probation. The court may terminate a period of probation and  
24           discharge the defendant at any time earlier than that provided in subsection 1 if  
25           warranted by the conduct of the defendant and the ends of justice. A defendant may  
26           not petition for an early discharge from probation within twelve months of a previous  
27           hearing on a request for discharge from probation. Unless waived by the state's  
28           attorney, the state's attorney must be provided notice of a petition for discharge from  
29           probation and must be provided an opportunity to object to the petition.

- 1           7.   Notwithstanding the fact that a sentence to probation subsequently can be modified or  
2                    revoked, a judgment that includes such a sentence constitutes a final judgment for all  
3                    other purposes.

4           **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 1 and 3 of section 12.1-32-07 of the North Dakota  
5 Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

- 6           1.   When the court imposes probation upon conviction for a felony offense subject to  
7                    section 12.1-32-09.1 or 12.1-32-02.1, a second or subsequent violation of section  
8                    12.1-17-07.1, a second or subsequent violation of any domestic violence protection  
9                    order, a violation of chapter 12.1-40, a violation of section 14-09-22, or a felony  
10                  offense under chapter 39-08, the court shall place the defendant under the supervision  
11                  and management of the department of corrections and rehabilitation. When the court  
12                  imposes probation upon conviction or order of disposition in all other felony cases, the  
13                  court may place the defendant under the supervision and management of the  
14                  department of corrections and rehabilitation. In class A misdemeanor cases, the court  
15                  may place the defendant under the supervision and management of the department of  
16                  corrections and rehabilitation or other responsible party. In all other cases, the court  
17                  may place the defendant under the supervision and management of a community  
18                  corrections program other than the department of corrections and rehabilitation. ~~If an~~  
19                  ~~appropriate community corrections program is not reasonably available, the court may~~  
20                  ~~place the defendant under the supervision and management of the department of~~  
21                  ~~corrections and rehabilitation. The department of corrections and rehabilitation may~~  
22                  ~~arrange for the supervision and management of the defendant by a community~~  
23                  ~~corrections program selected by the department of corrections and rehabilitation. A~~  
24                  community corrections program means a program for the supervision of a defendant,  
25                  including monitoring and enforcement of terms and conditions of probation set by the  
26                  court ~~or pursuant to a conditional release from the physical custody of a correctional~~  
27                  ~~facility or the department of corrections and rehabilitation.~~
- 28           3.   The court shall provide as an explicit condition of every probation that the defendant  
29                    may not possess a firearm, destructive device, or other dangerous weapon while the  
30                    defendant is on probation. Except when the offense is a misdemeanor offense under  
31                    section 12.1-17-01, 12.1-17-01.1, 12.1-17-05, or 12.1-17-07.1, or chapter 14-07.1, the

1 court may waive this condition of probation if the defendant has pled guilty to, or has  
2 been found guilty of, a misdemeanor or infraction offense, the misdemeanor or  
3 infraction is the defendant's first offense, and the court has made a specific finding on  
4 the record before imposition of a sentence or a probation that there is good cause to  
5 waive the condition. The court may not waive this condition of probation if the court  
6 places the defendant under the supervision and management of the department of  
7 corrections and rehabilitation. The court shall provide as an explicit condition of  
8 probation that the defendant may not willfully defraud a urine test administered as a  
9 condition of probation. Unless waived on the record by the court, the court shall also  
10 provide as a condition of probation that the defendant undergo various agreed-to  
11 community constraints and conditions as intermediate measures of the department of  
12 corrections and rehabilitation to avoid revocation, which may include:

- 13 a. Community service;
- 14 b. Day reporting;
- 15 c. Curfew;
- 16 d. Home confinement;
- 17 e. House arrest;
- 18 f. Electronic monitoring;
- 19 g. Residential halfway house;
- 20 h. Intensive supervision program; or
- 21 i. Up to five non-successive periods of incarceration during any twelve-month  
22 period, each of which may not exceed forty-eight consecutive hours; or
- 23 j. Participation in the twenty-four seven sobriety program.

24 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision c of subsection 5 of section 39-08-01 of the North  
25 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 26 c. For a third offense within seven years, the sentence must include at least one  
27 hundred twenty days' imprisonment; a fine of at least two thousand dollars; an  
28 order for addiction evaluation by an appropriate licensed addiction treatment  
29 program; at least ~~one year's~~three hundred sixty day's supervised probation; and  
30 participation in the twenty-four seven sobriety program under chapter 54-12 as a  
31 mandatory condition of probation.