# Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
# In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015

HOUSE BILL NO. 1281
(Representatives K. Koppelman, Maragos, Owens)
(Senators Carlisle, Oehlke, Schneider)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a blue alert notice system; and to declare an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Blue alert notice system.**

1. Upon the request of a law enforcement agency that is investigating an offense against a law enforcement officer, the bureau of criminal investigation shall activate a blue alert public notice to aid in the apprehension of an individual who is a suspect in an offense if:

   a. An individual has threatened a law enforcement officer with a deadly weapon, has used a deadly weapon against a law enforcement officer, has caused a law enforcement officer to suffer serious bodily injury or death, or the officer has been abducted or is missing while on duty;

   b. The individual has fled the scene of the offense and a description of the individual or the individual's vehicle is available for broadcast;

   c. The law enforcement agency investigating the offense has determined the individual poses a threat to the public or other law enforcement personnel; and

   d. Dissemination of available information to the public may help avert further harm or assist in the apprehension of the suspect.

2. The bureau of criminal investigation, in cooperation with the highway patrol and the division of state radio of the department of emergency services, shall prepare an operational plan to prepare for and respond to requests for activation of a blue alert notice.

3. As used in this section, the term "blue alert notice" means a quick response and notice that is issued after an individual has threatened a law enforcement officer with a deadly weapon, used a deadly weapon against a law enforcement officer, caused a law enforcement officer to suffer serious bodily injury or death, or the officer has been abducted or is missing while on duty, and the individual has left the scene of the offense.

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1281 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 91 Nays 0 Absent 3

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

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

Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at 9:13 A.M. on March 24, 2015.

Approved at 2:35 P.M. on March 25, 2015.

Governor

Filed in this office this 25th day of March, 2015,

at 3:45 o'clock P M.

Secretary of State