

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1289
(Representatives Roers Jones, Bahl, Ista, Klemin, Rios, Satrom, Schneider)
(Senators Hogue, Larson)

AN ACT to create and enact a new subsection to section 29-26-22 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to waiver of fines, fees, and costs upon successful completion of an approved adult drug court program; to provide for retroactive application; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new subsection to section 29-26-22 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Upon successful completion of an approved adult drug court program, a court may waive all unpaid fines, fees, and costs imposed in the criminal judgment sentencing the defendant to the drug court program, except for restitution. For purposes of this subsection, "approved drug court program" means a district court-supervised treatment program approved by the supreme court.

SECTION 2. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION. This Act applies retroactively to an offense committed before the effective date of this Act, but only for a defendant who successfully completes an approved drug court program after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

Dennis Johnson
Speaker of the House

Tamm Jelle
President of the Senate

Bruce J. Reich
Chief Clerk of the House

Shanda Morgan
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1289 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 89 Nays 5 Absent 0

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

Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 1 Absent 0

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Received by the Governor at 3:00 PM. on April 7, 2023.

Approved at 1:18 PM. on April 11, 2023.

Doug Burgin
Governor

Filed in this office this 12th day of April, 2023,

at 12:03 o'clock P. M.

Michael Howe
Secretary of State