

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1246
(Representatives Christianson, Bahl, Hendrix, Vetter, Dockter)
(Senators Barta, Cory)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 11-19.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to individuals authorized to act in the absence of a coroner.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 11-19.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

11-19.1-06. Individuals authorized to act in absence of coroner.

In those counties in which a coroner does not reside or is not available, the duties of a coroner must be performed by the sheriff, the state highway patrol, or any special agent of the bureau of criminal investigation. The sheriff, the state highway patrol, or special agent shall call upon the nearest a coroner or deputy coroner from ~~an adjacent~~ another county to investigate the medical cause of death of all coroner cases within said the county. In those situations in which, because of distance or adverse conditions, a coroner is not available, the sheriff, the state highway patrol, or special agent shall request the state forensic examiner or the forensic examiner's designee to investigate and certify as to the medical cause of death.

Rohi Weing
Speaker of the House

Sean Sutherland
President of the Senate

Buell T. Reich
Chief Clerk of the House

Michael Moyer
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1246.

House Vote: Yeas 82 Nays 11 Absent 1

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

Buell T. Reich
Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at 4:25 P M. on MARCH 20th, 2025.

Approved at 3:50 P M. on MARCH 21, 2025.

[Signature]
Governor

Filed in this office this 24th day of March, 2025,
at 9:42 o'clock A M.

Michael Howe
Secretary of State