

# DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND PERSONS

## CHAPTER 137

S. B. No. 93  
(Hystad, Longmire)

### DISPOSITION OF MARRIAGE LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES

#### AN ACT

To amend and reenact section 14-0319 of the 1957 Supplement to the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943 and sections 14-0320 and 14-0321 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943, relating to marriage licenses and certificates of marriage and the manner of their disposition.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

**§ 1. Amendment.)** Section 14-0319 of the 1957 Supplement to the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**14-0319. License Issued to All Who Comply With Law.)** If a county judge is satisfied that there is no legal impediment to the marriage and that the applicants have complied with the provisions of this chapter, or in the case where both of the contracting parties are residents of another state, if such parties present a valid marriage license regularly issued not more than sixty days prior thereto by the duly authorized officials of their state, then the county judge shall issue and sign a marriage license in duplicate and affix his seal to both the original and the duplicate.

**§ 2. Amendment.)** Section 14-0320 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**14-0320. License and Certificate.)** The marriage license and certificate of the person solemnizing the marriage shall be upon one blank form in duplicate consisting of two pages with a perforated seam to make it readily detachable. The form shall be substantially as follows:

**Marriage License**

State of North Dakota, }  
County of ..... } ss.

To any person authorized by law to perform the marriage ceremony, greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage.....  
..... of .....,  
aged..... who has.....been divorced, and.....  
..... of .....,  
aged..... who has.....been divorced, and of this license and your certificate you will make due return to my office within five days.

Dated at.....this.....day of  
.....19.....

(Seal)

.....  
County Judge

**Certificate of Marriage**

I hereby certify that the persons named in the foregoing license were by me joined in marriage at.....  
.....county of.....State of North Dakota, on the.....day of.....19.....

In the presence of

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Witnesses

Every certificate of marriage shall be signed by two witnesses to the marriage in addition to the signature of the person who solemnized the marriage. Every license when issued shall have endorsed on it or annexed to it a statement, subscribed by the person issuing the license, stating that the application for the license was accompanied by the physician's certificate and the laboratory statement as required by sections 14-0312 and 14-0314. If such compliance was dispensed with, wholly or partly, by order of the district judge, a statement to that effect must be endorsed on or annexed to the license.

§ 3. Amendment.) Section 14-0321 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**14-0321. License and Certificate Returned to County Judge; Duplicate Delivered to Persons Married.)** When a person authorized by law shall solemnize a marriage, he shall fill out and sign the certificate following the license in duplicate, giving his official title, or if a minister of the gospel or priest, the ecclesiastical body with which he is connected. The original copy of the certificate and license shall be returned to the county judge who issued the license within five days after the date of the solemnization of the marriage, and the duplicate copy shall be immediately delivered to the persons married. Any person who willfully neglects to make such return within the time required shall be punished as provided in section 14-0328.

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