

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-09 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to records filed with the secretary of state; and to amend and reenact  
3 subsection 1 of section 35-13-02, subsection 6 of section 41-09-73, and subsection 7 of section  
4 54-09-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to confidential information in the  
5 possession of the secretary of state and fees collected by the secretary of state.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 35-13-02 of the North Dakota Century  
8 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 9 1. The secretary of state shall prescribe one form that can be used to obtain a lien under  
10 this section and also be entered in the central indexing system. A person entitled to a  
11 lien under this chapter who retains possession of the property made, altered, or  
12 repaired is not required to file any statement to perfect the lien. If the possession of the  
13 property so made, altered, or repaired is relinquished, the person shall file, within  
14 ninety days, or if the property is used for agricultural purposes within one hundred  
15 twenty days, or in the exploration for or the production of oil or gas within six months,  
16 after the materials are furnished or the labor is completed, in the office of the recorder  
17 of the county in which the owner or legal possessor of the property resides, a verified  
18 written statement showing:
- 19 a. The labor performed.
  - 20 b. The materials furnished.
  - 21 c. The price agreed upon for the labor performed or materials furnished, or, if no  
22 price was agreed upon, the reasonable value thereof.
  - 23 d. The name of the person for whom the labor was performed or to whom the  
24 materials were furnished.

- 1           e. ~~The social security number, if available, or, in the case of a debtor doing business~~  
2           ~~other than as an individual, the internal revenue service taxpayer identification~~  
3           ~~number, if available, of the person for whom the labor was performed or to whom~~  
4           ~~the materials were furnished.~~
- 5           f. The name and address of the person claiming the lien.
- 6           g-f. A description of the property upon which the lien is claimed.

7           **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 6 of section 41-09-73 of the North Dakota Century  
8 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 9           6. a. Any social security number or federal tax identification number submitted on a  
10           financing statement filed pursuant to this chapter as a central indexing filing prior  
11           to January 1, 2012, is an exempt record as defined by subsection 5 of section  
12           44-04-17.1 and may not be disclosed as part of any search under  
13           section 41-09-94 or 41-09-96 or as part of a copy of the record. A filing office or  
14           an officer or employee of the filing office may not be held civilly or criminally liable  
15           for the inadvertent disclosure of a social security or federal tax identification  
16           number if the filer has placed the number in an improper field on the form  
17           prescribed by the secretary of state or the filer submitted a filing other than on the  
18           form prescribed by the secretary of state.
- 19           b. After December 31, 2011, a debtor's social security number or federal tax  
20           identification number may not be filed pursuant to this chapter in the filing office  
21           with the central indexing system and may not be recorded in the real property  
22           records.

23           **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 54-09-04 of the North Dakota Century  
24 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 25           7. For preparing any listing or compilation of any information recorded or filed in the  
26           office of the secretary of state, ~~thirty-five dollars plus~~ an amount established by the  
27           secretary of state to recover the actual cost for assembling and providing the  
28           information ~~on~~ in the ~~medium~~ format requested.

29           **SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 54-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
30 and enacted as follows:

1        **Confidential information in filed records.**

2        A social security number or federal tax identification number disclosed or contained in any  
3 record filed with the secretary of state is confidential. The secretary of state shall delete or  
4 obscure a social security or federal tax identification number before a copy of any record is  
5 released to the public. A filing office or an officer or employee of the filing office may not be held  
6 civilly or criminally liable for the inadvertent disclosure of a social security or federal tax  
7 identification number if the filer has placed the number in an improper field on the form  
8 prescribed by the secretary of state or the filer submitted a filing other than on the form  
9 prescribed by the secretary of state.