

HOUSE BILL NO. 1263

Introduced by

Representatives Carlson, Dosch, R. Kelsch, Skarphol

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the athletic nickname and logo of the university of North Dakota.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **University of North Dakota fighting Sioux nickname and logo.**

7 The intercollegiate athletic teams sponsored by the university of North Dakota shall be
8 known as the university of North Dakota fighting Sioux. Neither the university of North Dakota
9 nor the state board of higher education may take any action to discontinue the use of the
10 fighting Sioux nickname or the fighting Sioux logo in use on January 1, 2011. Any actions taken
11 by the state board of higher education and the university of North Dakota before the effective
12 date of this Act to discontinue the use of the fighting Sioux nickname and logo are preempted by
13 this Act. If the national collegiate athletic association takes any action to penalize the university
14 of North Dakota for using the fighting Sioux nickname or logo, the attorney general shall
15 consider filing a federal antitrust claim against that association.