



**NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
CRIME LABORATORY DIVISION**

MEMO:

August 30, 2019

To: North Dakota Law Enforcement Agencies

Re: House Bill No. 1050

The Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota House Bill No. 1050

- reclassifies and reduces criminal penalties for possession and ingestion of marijuana and the possession of drug paraphernalia:
 - Less than one half ounce (14.175 grams): infraction (maximum fine of \$1,000)
 - At least one half ounce (14.175 grams) but not more than 500 grams: Class B misdemeanor (maximum penalty of 30 days imprisonment and/or a fine of \$1,500)
 - More than 500 grams: Class A misdemeanor (maximum penalty of 360 days imprisonment and/or a fine of \$3,000)
 - Reclassifies possession of marijuana paraphernalia as an infraction

Suspected marijuana evidence weighing less than 14.175 grams and marijuana paraphernalia seized after August 1, 2019 will not be accepted by the Crime Laboratory Division unless the Defendant pleads Not Guilty at the initial court appearance. If the Defendant pleads Not Guilty, a copy of the Register of Actions (www.ndcourts.gov) MUST be submitted with the evidence.

The Crime Laboratory Division is committed to providing assistance to our customers. If you have questions regarding potential submission(s), please contact Evidence Technician, Jeremy Spaeth at 701-328-6757 or jspaeth@nd.gov.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Robyn Quinn". The signature is stylized and somewhat illegible due to the cursive nature of the writing.

A. Robyn Quinn, M.S.
Lab Director