

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1405  
(Representatives Severson, Pollert)  
(Senator Tallackson)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 23 of section 57-15-06.7, subsection 7 of section 57-15-20.2, sections 57-15-26.5, and 57-15-51 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the county, city, township, and rural ambulance service district tax levy limitation for ambulance services; and to provide an effective date.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 23 of section 57-15-06.7 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

23. A county levying a tax for county ambulance service according to section 57-15-50 may levy a tax not exceeding ~~five~~ ten mills.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 57-15-20.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7. A township levying a tax for ambulance service in accordance with section 57-15-51.1 may levy a tax not exceeding ~~five~~ ten mills.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-15-26.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**57-15-26.5. General tax levy of rural ambulance service districts.** A rural ambulance service district may levy, in accordance with chapter 11-28.3, a tax not exceeding ~~five~~ ten mills on the taxable value of property within the district.

**SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-15-51 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**57-15-51. Levy authorized for city ambulance service.** Upon petition of ten percent of the number of qualified electors of the city voting in the last election for governor or upon its own motion, the governing body of ~~each a city in this state~~ shall levy annually a tax of not to exceed ~~five~~ ten mills upon its taxable valuation, for the purpose of subsidizing city ambulance services; provided, that such tax must be approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the city voting on the question at a regular or special city election. Whenever a tax for county ambulance services is levied by a county, any city levying a tax for, or subsidizing city ambulance services, shall upon written application to the county board of such county be exempted from such county tax levy. The city may set aside, as a depreciation expense, up to ten percent of its annual ambulance service operating or subsidization budget in a dedicated ambulance sinking fund, deposited with the auditor for replacement of equipment and ambulances. The ten percent ambulance sinking fund may be in addition to the actual annual ambulance budget but the total of the annual ambulance budget and the annual ten percent ambulance fund may not exceed the approved mill levy.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2000.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1405.

House Vote:      Yeas    88      Nays    6      Absent    4

Senate Vote:    Yeas    45      Nays    2      Absent    2

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State