

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1102

Introduced by

Natural Resources Committee

(At the request of the Geological Survey)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 38-12-02,
2 subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 38-12.1-04, and subdivision d of subsection 1 of
3 section 38-19-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an election to deposit cash or
4 property in lieu of a bond for coal exploration, subsurface mineral exploration and development,
5 and geothermal production.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 38-12-02 of the
8 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 a. The furnishing of a reasonable bond with good and sufficient surety,
10 conditioned upon the full compliance with the provisions of this chapter, and
11 the rules and regulations of the commission prescribed to govern the
12 exploration, development, and production of subsurface minerals on state and
13 private lands within the state of North Dakota. The person required to furnish
14 the bond may elect to deposit cash or property under the terms and conditions
15 as the industrial commission may prescribe.

16 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 38-12.1-04 of the
17 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

18 a. The furnishing of a reasonable bond with good and sufficient surety,
19 conditioned upon the full compliance with the provisions of this chapter, and
20 the rules and regulations of the commission prescribed to govern the
21 exploration for coal on state and private lands and roads used in coal
22 exploration within the state of North Dakota. The person required to furnish
23 the bond may elect to deposit cash or property under the terms and conditions
24 as the industrial commission may prescribe.

1 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision d of subsection 1 of section 38-19-03 of the
2 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
3 d. The furnishing of a reasonable bond with good and sufficient surety,
4 conditioned upon the full compliance with the rules of the commission relating
5 to the extraction of geothermal energy. The person required to furnish the
6 bond may elect to deposit cash or property under the terms and conditions as
7 the industrial commission may prescribe.