Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2162

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Senators Wardner, Trenbeath

Representatives Herbel, Kretschmar

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 32-09.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,
- 2 relating to notice of renewal of garnishment of earnings.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 32-09.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

32-09.1-04. Notice before garnishment of earnings <u>- Notice of renewal of garnishment of earnings</u>.

1. At least ten days before the issuance of any garnishee summons against the earnings of any person, the creditor shall serve upon the debtor a notice that a garnishee summons may be issued. The notice must be served personally or by first-class mail. Failure to serve the notice renders any subsequent garnishment void. The notice must be in substantially the following form:

13	To:	Date:
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14 Judgment Debtor

Please take notice that a garnishee summons that will require part of your wages to be withheld may be served upon your employer, without any further court proceedings or notice to you, at any time after ten days following the date of this notice. For each dependent family member residing with you, the amount subject to garnishment for any workweek may be reduced by twenty dollars, if within ten days after receipt of the garnishee summons you provide to your employer a verified list of the dependent family members residing with you and their social security numbers, if any. You may wish to contact the

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1		undersigned judgment creditor or attorney to arrange for the settlement
2		of the debt, which is \$
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6	<u>2.</u>	As an alternative to subsection 1, if a creditor renews an expiring continuing lien on
7		wages under section 32-09.1-21, at least ten days but no more than twenty days
8		before the expiration of the continuing lien on wages, the creditor may serve upon
9		the debtor a notice that a garnishee summons may be reissued. The notice must
10		be served personally or by first-class mail. Failure to serve the notice renders any
11		subsequent garnishment void. The notice must be in substantially the following
12		form:
13		<u>To:</u> <u>Date:</u>
14		Judgment Debtor
15		Please take notice that a garnishee summons that will require
16		part of your wages to be withheld may be served upon your employer
17		without any further court proceedings or notice to you. This action is a
18		renewal of the current garnishment order for this case. For each
19		dependent family member residing with you, the amount subject to
20		garnishment for any workweek may be reduced by twenty dollars, if
21		within ten days after receipt of the garnishee summons you provide to
22		your employer a verified list of the dependent family members residing
23		with you and their social security numbers, if any. You may wish to
24		contact the undersigned judgment creditor or attorney to arrange for the
25		settlement of the debt, which is \$
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