

Sixty-second  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1162**

Introduced by

Representative Keiser

Senator Klein

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 28-32-08.2 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to fiscal notes for agency rules; to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 28-32-03,  
3 subsection 1 of section 28-32-10, and subsection 2 of section 28-32-18 of the North Dakota  
4 Century Code, relating to notice of emergency rulemaking and the administrative rules  
5 committee carrying over consideration of administrative rules; and to provide an effective date.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 5 of section 28-32-03 of the North Dakota Century  
8 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 5. The agency shall ~~take appropriate measures~~attempt to make interim final rules known  
10 to ~~every person~~persons who the agency can reasonably be expected to believe may  
11 ~~be affected by~~have a substantial interest in them; ~~including compliance. As used in this~~  
12 subsection, "substantial interest" means an interest in the effect of the rules which  
13 surpasses the common interest of all citizens. An agency adopting emergency rules  
14 shall comply with the notice requirements of section 28-32-10 which relate to  
15 emergency rules and ~~providing~~shall provide notice to the chairman of the  
16 administrative rules committee of the emergency status, declared effective date, and  
17 grounds for emergency status of the rules under subsection 2. When notice of  
18 emergency rule adoption is received, the legislative council shall publish the notice  
19 and emergency rules on its website.

20 **SECTION 2.** Section 28-32-08.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
21 as follows:

22 **Fiscal notes for administrative rules.**

23 When an agency presents rules for administrative rules committee consideration, the  
24 agency shall provide a fiscal note or a statement in its testimony that the rules have no fiscal

1 effect. A fiscal note must reflect the effect of the rules changes on state revenues and  
2 expenditures, including any effect on funds controlled by the agency.

3 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 28-32-10 of the North Dakota Century  
4 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5 1. An agency shall prepare a full notice and an abbreviated notice of rulemaking.

6 a. The agency's full notice of the proposed adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule  
7 must include a short, specific explanation of the proposed rule and the purpose of  
8 the proposed rule, identify the emergency status and declared effective date of  
9 any emergency rules, include a determination of whether the proposed  
10 rulemaking is expected to have an impact on the regulated community in excess  
11 of fifty thousand dollars, identify at least one location where interested persons  
12 may review the text of the proposed rule, provide the address to which written  
13 comments concerning the proposed rule may be sent, provide the deadline for  
14 submission of written comments, provide a telephone number and post-office or  
15 electronic mail address at which a copy of the rules and regulatory analysis may  
16 be requested, and, in the case of a substantive rule, provide the time and place  
17 set for each oral hearing. The agency's full notice must be filed with the  
18 legislative council, and the agency shall request publication of an abbreviated  
19 newspaper publication notice at least once in each official county newspaper  
20 published in this state. The notice filed with the legislative council must be  
21 accompanied by a copy of the proposed rules.

22 b. The abbreviated newspaper publication of notice must be in a display-type format  
23 with a minimum width of one column of approximately two inches  
24 [5.08 centimeters] and a depth of from three inches [7.62 centimeters] to four  
25 inches [10.16 centimeters] with a headline describing the general topic of the  
26 proposed rules. The notice must also include the telephone number or address to  
27 use to obtain a copy of the proposed rules, identification of the emergency status  
28 and declared effective date of any emergency rules, the address to use and the  
29 deadline to submit written comments, and the location, date, and time of the  
30 public hearing on the rules.

1       **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 28-32-18 of the North Dakota Century  
2 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 3       2. The administrative rules committee may find a rule void at the meeting at which the  
4 rule is initially considered by the committee or may hold consideration of that rule for  
5 one subsequent meeting. If no representative of the agency appears before the  
6 administrative rules committee when rules are scheduled for committee consideration,  
7 those rules are held over for consideration at the next subsequent committee meeting.  
8 Rules are not considered initially considered by the committee under this subsection  
9 until a representative of the agency appears before the administrative rules committee  
10 when the rules are scheduled for committee consideration. If no representative of the  
11 agency appears before the administrative rules committee meeting to which rules are  
12 held over for consideration, the rules are void if the rules were adopted as emergency  
13 rules and for rules not adopted as emergency rules the administrative rules committee  
14 may amend or void the rules, allow the rules to become effective, or hold over  
15 consideration of the rules to the next subsequent committee meeting. Within three  
16 business days after the administrative rules committee finds that a rule is void, the  
17 legislative council shall provide written notice of that finding and the committee's  
18 specific finding under subdivisions a through f of subsection 1 to the adopting agency  
19 and to the chairman of the legislative management. Within fourteen days after receipt  
20 of the notice, the adopting agency may file a petition with the chairman of the  
21 legislative management for review by the legislative management of the decision of  
22 the administrative rules committee. If the adopting agency does not file a petition for  
23 review, the rule becomes void on the fifteenth day after the notice from the legislative  
24 council to the adopting agency. If within sixty days after receipt of the petition from the  
25 adopting agency the legislative management has not disapproved by motion the  
26 finding of the administrative rules committee, the rule is void.

27       **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Sections 1 and 3 of this Act are effective for rules for  
28 which the notice of rulemaking is filed with the legislative council after July 31, 2011. Sections 2  
29 and 4 of this Act are effective for rules scheduled for administrative rules committee review after  
30 July 31, 2011.