

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1191

Introduced by

Representatives Skarphol, Oban, Carlson, Freier

Senator Robinson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 28-32-03.4 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to authority of the committee on administrative rules to call up existing administrative  
3 rules for review; to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 28-32-03.3 of the North Dakota  
4 Century Code, relating to authority of the committee on administrative rules to void or object to  
5 administrative rules; and to provide an effective date.

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

#### 7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 28-32-03.3 of the 1995

8 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 9 1. The legislative council's committee on administrative rules may find that all or any  
10 portion of a rule is void if that finding is made within ninety days after the rule is  
11 called up for review under section 28-32-03.4, within ninety days after the date of  
12 the administrative code supplement in which the rule change appears, or, for rule  
13 changes appearing in the administrative code supplement from November first  
14 immediately preceding a regular session of the legislative assembly through the  
15 following May first, if that finding is made at the first meeting of the administrative  
16 rules committee following the regular session of the legislative assembly. The  
17 committee on administrative rules may find a rule or portion of a rule void if the  
18 committee makes the specific finding that, with regard to that rule or portion of a  
19 rule, there is:
- 20 a. An absence of statutory authority.
  - 21 b. An emergency relating to public health, safety, or welfare.
  - 22 c. A failure to comply with express legislative intent or to substantially meet the
  - 23 procedural requirements of this chapter for adoption of the rule.
  - 24 d. A conflict with state law.

e. Arbitrariness and capriciousness.

f. A failure to make a written record of its consideration of written and oral submissions respecting the rule under subsection 3 of section 28-32-02.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 4 of chapter 310 of the 1995 Session Laws is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. The legislative council's committee on administrative rules may find, for any reason under this subsection, that all or any portion of a rule should be reviewed by the legislative assembly, and the committee may suspend the rule or portion of a rule under this subsection if the suspension is made within ninety days after the rule is called up for review under section 28-32-03.4, within ninety days after the date of the administrative code supplement in which the rule change appears, or, for rule changes appearing in the administrative code supplement from November first immediately preceding a regular session of the legislative assembly through the following May first, if that suspension is made at the first meeting of the administrative rules committee following the regular session of the legislative assembly. A rule or a portion of a rule suspended under this subsection becomes permanently ineffective unless it is ratified by both houses of the legislative assembly during the next session of the legislative assembly, in which case it is effective as of the date of ratification by the second house of the legislative assembly. An agency seeking ratification of its rule shall introduce a bill for that purpose. The committee on administrative rules may suspend a rule or portion of a rule if the committee specifically finds that, with regard to the rule, there is:

a. An absence of statutory authority.

b. An emergency relating to public health, safety, or welfare.

c. A failure to comply with express legislative intent or to substantially meet the procedural requirements of this chapter for adoption of the rule.

d. A conflict with state law.

e. Arbitrariness and capriciousness.

f. A failure to make a written record of its consideration of written and oral submissions respecting the rule under subsection 3 of section 28-32-02.

1           **SECTION 3.** Section 28-32-03.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and  
2 enacted as follows:

3           **28-32-03.4. Administrative rules called up for review.** The committee on  
4 administrative rules may call an administrative rule up for review upon at least thirty days prior  
5 notice to the adopting agency of the time the committee will consider the rule. The committee  
6 shall notify the adopting agency of the reason the rule is called up for review and the adopting  
7 agency shall provide a written response to the committee's expressed concerns. A rule called  
8 up for review under this section is subject to the authority of the committee on administrative  
9 rules under section 28-32-03.3.

10          **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Sections 1 and 3 of this Act are effective for  
11 administrative rules called up for review by the committee on administrative rules after July 31,  
12 1997. Section 2 of this Act is suspended from operation, but becomes effective retroactive to  
13 August 1, 1997, upon a ruling by the North Dakota supreme court that any portion of  
14 subsection 1 of section 28-32-03.3 as created by section 3 of chapter 310 of the 1995 Session  
15 Laws and amended by section 1 of this Act is unconstitutional.