

**Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine**

SENATE BILL NO. 2104  
(Finance and Taxation Committee)  
(At the request of the Tax Commissioner)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 57-39.2-12, subsection 1 of section 57-39.2-12.1, subsection 7 of section 57-40.2-07, and subsection 1 of section 57-40.2-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the monthly filing of sales and use tax returns in the event of a business reorganization and reimbursement of administrative expenses for monthly filing of sales and use tax returns.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 57-39.2-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. The tax levied under this chapter is due and payable in quarterly installments on or before the last day of the month next succeeding each calendar quarterly period, except that if total sales subject to sales and use taxes for the preceding calendar year for any business which has been issued a sales tax permit equal or exceed three hundred thirty-three thousand dollars, the tax levied under this chapter is payable monthly on or before the last day of the next succeeding month, except tax collected during May in each odd-numbered year is payable on or before the twenty-second day of June of that year. The retailer shall pay the total tax due in the manner prescribed by the commissioner. Penalties and interest for failure to file a return, for filing an incorrect return, or for failure to pay the tax due are those prescribed in section 57-39.2-18. If the total of sales subject to the tax decreases below three hundred thirty-three thousand dollars for any succeeding year, the retailer ~~shall~~ may return to quarterly filing and payments. When there is a sale of any business by any retailer or when any business is discontinued by a retailer, the tax becomes due immediately prior to the sale or discontinuance of the business and if not paid within fifteen days thereafter it becomes delinquent and subject to the penalties provided in section 57-39.2-18. In the event of a business reorganization in which the ownership of the business organization remains in the same person or persons as prior to the reorganization, the total sales subject to sales and use taxes for the preceding calendar year for the business that was reorganized must be used to determine whether the tax is payable monthly under this subsection.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 57-39.2-12.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. A retailer who pays the ~~estimated~~ tax due under section 57-39.2-12 within the time limitations prescribed may deduct and retain one and one-half percent of the tax due.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 57-40.2-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7. If total sales and purchases subject to sales and use taxes for the preceding calendar year equal or exceed three hundred thirty-three thousand dollars, the tax levied by this chapter is payable monthly on or before the last day of the next succeeding month, except for taxes collected during May of each odd-numbered year, which are payable on or before the twenty-second day of June of that year. The amount of monthly tax payable, manner of payment, filing of the return, penalty, and waiver of penalty must be that prescribed in subsection 1 of section 57-39.2-12. Penalty and interest for failure to file a return or corrected return or to pay the tax imposed must be that prescribed in section 57-40.2-15.

If a person is required to file more than one return pursuant to this section, the monthly payment requirement applies separately to each return. If total sales and purchases subject to sales and use taxes for any succeeding calendar year decrease below three hundred thirty-three thousand dollars, a person may return to quarterly installments. In the event of a business reorganization in which the ownership of the business organization remains in the same person or persons as prior to the reorganization, the total sales subject to sales and use taxes for the preceding calendar year for the business that was reorganized must be used to determine whether the tax is payable monthly under this section.

**SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 57-40.2-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. A retailer who pays the ~~estimated~~ tax due under section 57-40.2-07 within the time limitations prescribed may deduct and retain one and one-half percent of the tax due.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2104.

Senate Vote:    Yeas    46        Nays    2        Absent    1

House Vote:    Yeas    94        Nays    0        Absent    4

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State