

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
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of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1115**

Introduced by

Industry, Business and Labor Committee

(At the request of Job Service North Dakota)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 57-38-57 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to provision of income tax return information to the United States census  
3 bureau; to amend and reenact section 52-01-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to  
4 the provision of unemployment insurance data to the United States census bureau; and to  
5 declare an emergency.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 52-01-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **52-01-03. Disclosure of information.**

- 10 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, information obtained from any  
11 employing unit or individual pursuant to the administration of the North Dakota  
12 Unemployment Compensation Law and determinations as to the benefit rights of  
13 any individual must be held confidential and may not be disclosed or be open to  
14 public inspection in any manner revealing the individual's or employing unit's  
15 identity. Any claimant or claimant's legal representative must be supplied with  
16 information from the records of the ~~job~~ unemployment insurance division, to the  
17 extent necessary for the proper presentation of the claimant's claim in any  
18 proceeding under the North Dakota Unemployment Compensation Law with  
19 respect to the claim.
- 20 2. Subject to restrictions as the bureau by rule may prescribe, the information may be  
21 made available to any agency of this or any other state, or any federal agency,  
22 charged with the administration of any unemployment compensation law or the  
23 maintenance of a system of public employment offices, or the bureau of internal  
24 revenue of the United States department of the treasury, and information obtained

1 in connection with the administration of the employment service may be made  
2 available to persons or agencies for purposes appropriate to the operation of a  
3 public employment service. Upon a request, the bureau shall furnish to any  
4 agency of the United States charged with the administration of public works or  
5 assistance through public employment, and may furnish to any state agency  
6 similarly charged, the name, address, ordinary occupation, and employment status  
7 of each recipient of benefits and the recipient's rights to further benefits under the  
8 North Dakota Unemployment Compensation Law. The bureau may request the  
9 comptroller of the currency of the United States to cause an examination of the  
10 correctness of any return or report of any national banking association, rendered  
11 pursuant to the North Dakota Unemployment Compensation Law, and in  
12 connection with the request, may transmit any report or return to the comptroller of  
13 the currency of the United States as provided in subsection c of section 3305 of  
14 the federal Internal Revenue Code. The bureau shall request and exchange  
15 information for purposes of income and eligibility verification to meet the  
16 requirements of section 1137 of the Social Security Act. Job service North Dakota  
17 may enter into memoranda of understanding with the United States census bureau  
18 to furnish unemployment insurance data to the census bureau and for sharing of  
19 information with job service North Dakota.

20 3. The bureau may provide the workers compensation bureau, the ~~state~~  
21 ~~commissioner of labor~~ commissioner, the department of commerce, the state tax  
22 commissioner, and the North Dakota occupational information coordinating  
23 committee with information obtained pursuant to the administration of the North  
24 Dakota Unemployment Compensation Law. Any information so provided may be  
25 used only for the purpose of administering the duties of the workers compensation  
26 bureau, the ~~state commissioner of labor~~ commissioner, the state department of  
27 commerce, the state tax commissioner, and the North Dakota occupational  
28 information coordinating committee.

29 4. The bureau may provide any state agency or a private entity with the names and  
30 addresses of employing units for the purpose of jointly publishing or distributing  
31 publications or other information as provided in section 54-06-04.3. Any

1 information so provided may only be used for the purpose of jointly publishing or  
2 distributing publications or other information as provided in section 54-06-04.3.

3 5. Whenever the bureau obtains information on the activities of a contractor doing  
4 business in this state of which officials of the secretary of state, workers  
5 compensation bureau, or the state tax commissioner may be unaware and that  
6 may be relevant to duties of those officials, the bureau shall provide any relevant  
7 information to those officials for the purpose of administering their duties.

8 6. The bureau shall request and exchange information as required of ~~the bureau~~ it  
9 under federal law with any specified governmental agencies. Any information so  
10 provided may be used only for the purpose of administering the duties of such  
11 governmental agencies.

12 **SECTION 2.** A new subsection to section 57-38-57 of the North Dakota Century Code  
13 is created and enacted as follows:

14 The tax commissioner, upon written request from the secretary of commerce of the  
15 United States, may furnish officers and employees of the bureau of census, an  
16 individual taxpayer's identification number and county of residence as reported on  
17 the individual's return. However, any information obtained may be used only for  
18 the purpose of establishing migration methodologies in estimating the annual shifts  
19 in the state's population. A person who receives return information under this  
20 subsection may not disclose the return information to any person other than the  
21 taxpayer to whom it relates except in a form that cannot be associated with, or  
22 otherwise identify, directly or indirectly, a particular taxpayer.

23 **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.