

Dear Representative Bellew,

Re: 57-39.2-10.1 Responsibilities of special event promoters-Penalty

I have asked about this bit of legislation the last couple of sessions.

I have included a couple of copies of letters that we used to receive prior to each event from the State. We haven't received them for at least 2 ½ years. Are we still required to send in names?

I have several issues with this. I spoke with Auditor Gallion in Minot in 2018. He did check with the Tax office and suggested I visit with them. I was told they gather this information for educational purposes only. If that is the case, why can I not just send in the names of new vendors? Why do I have to send names, addresses, and phone numbers of each and every vendor who set up at every market?

How fiscally prudent is it for the tax office to research each and every name? Or do they? If they don't, why should promoters send in names? I have never been a vendor, only a promoter, but those who have been vendors for 30+ years or less, tell me they have never been contacted by the tax office and they have never had to prove their sales totals or contact information.

We, as promoters, are not our brothers' keepers, nor are we employees of the state. Why are we responsible for reporting to the state? I take the word of our vendors, but do not know if the contact information I give is accurate.

I would appreciate answers to any or all of my questions. I would really appreciate getting rid of this law because it is time consuming and I can not swear that the information I am sending in is accurate for each and every vendor.

Respectfully,

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HB 1195 Testimony

Mr. Chairman, members of the Finance and Tax committee, I am introducing HB 1195 at the request of a constituent.

Her concerns are with NDCC 57-39.2-10.1. Responsibilities of special events promoters – Penalty.

I have attached a copy of the letter that she sent to me. I had Legislative Council draft a bill addressing her concerns. After I presented the bill to her, it was my understanding that she wanted the whole section repealed. She did say that the bill is not what she wanted but she could live with it.

After looking at the bill, I think it addresses her concerns. Thank you committee members.