

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1546**

Introduced by

Representatives Berg, B. Anderson, Heinert, Meier, Pyle, Swiontek, Wagner, Weisz

Senator Sorvaag

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-39.2 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to a sales and use tax exemption for purchases made by a contractor,  
3 subcontractor, or builder on behalf of the state of North Dakota; to amend and reenact section  
4 57-40.2-03.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to use tax on contractors; and to  
5 provide an effective date.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 57-39.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
8 and enacted as follows:

9 **Exemption for materials acquired by a contractor on behalf of the state.**

- 10 1. A contractor licensed under chapter 43-07 which acquires tangible personal property  
11 for use in the performance of a contract with the state of North Dakota, including a  
12 department or agency of the state, is entitled to a sales and use tax exemption from  
13 the state tax imposed under chapters 57-39.2 and 57-40.2 for the acquisition of those  
14 items of tangible personal property. To qualify for the exemption under this section, the  
15 contractor shall hold a valid sales tax permit under this chapter, obtain a purchasing  
16 agent authorization letter from the state, and obtain a copy of the exemption certificate  
17 issued to the state by the tax commissioner before purchasing the tangible personal  
18 property.
- 19 2. If the contractor also is a retailer transacting retail sales of tangible personal property,  
20 the exemption under this section applies to tangible personal property withdrawn from  
21 inventory for use in a contract with the state if the contractor obtains from the state a  
22 purchasing agent authorization letter and a copy of the exemption certificate issued to  
23 the state by the commissioner before withdrawing the tangible personal property from  
24 inventory.

- 1       3. The exemption under this section applies only to the extent the tangible personal  
2       property becomes part of the improvement to real property in the performance of the  
3       contract with the state and the state owns the real property and the property  
4       improvements.
- 5       4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the exemption under this section does not  
6       apply to a sales or use tax imposed under home rule authority by a city or county.

7       **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-40.2-03.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9       **57-40.2-03.3. Use tax on contractors. (Effective through June 30, 2025)**

- 10       1. When a contractor or subcontractor uses tangible personal property in the  
11       performance of that person's contract, or to fulfill contract or subcontract obligations,  
12       whether the title to the property be in the contractor, subcontractor, contractee,  
13       subcontractee, or any other person, or whether the titleholder of the property would be  
14       subject to pay the sales or use tax, the contractor or subcontractor shall pay a use tax  
15       at the rate prescribed by section 57-40.2-02.1 measured by the purchase price or fair  
16       market value of such property, whichever is greater, unless the property has been  
17       previously subjected to a sales tax or use tax by this state, and the tax due has been  
18       paid. This section does not apply to a contractor or subcontractor that does not enter a  
19       contract for the purchase of the tangible personal property.
- 20       2. The provisions of this chapter pertaining to the administration of the tax imposed by  
21       section 57-40.2-02.1, not in conflict with the provisions of this section, govern the  
22       administration of the tax levied by this section.
- 23       3. The tax imposed by this section does not apply to:
- 24       a. Production equipment or tangible personal property as authorized or approved  
25       for exemption by the tax commissioner under section 57-39.2-04.2.
- 26       b. Machinery, equipment, or other tangible personal property used to construct an  
27       agricultural commodity processing facility as authorized or approved for  
28       exemption by the tax commissioner under section 57-39.2-04.3 or 57-39.2-04.4.
- 29       c. Tangible personal property used to construct or expand a system used to  
30       compress, process, gather, or refine gas recovered from an oil or gas well in this  
31       state or used to expand or build a gas-processing facility in this state as

- 1 authorized or approved for exemption by the tax commissioner under section  
2 57-39.2-04.5.
- 3 d. Tangible personal property used to construct or expand a qualifying oil refinery as  
4 authorized or approved for exemption by the tax commissioner under section  
5 57-39.2-04.6.
- 6 e. Tangible personal property used to construct or expand a qualifying facility as  
7 authorized or approved for exemption by the tax commissioner under section  
8 57-39.2-04.10.
- 9 f. Tangible personal property used to construct or expand a qualifying facility as  
10 authorized or approved for exemption by the tax commissioner under section  
11 57-39.2-04.11.
- 12 g. Materials used in compressing, gathering, collecting, storing, transporting, or  
13 injecting carbon dioxide for use in enhanced recovery of oil or natural gas as  
14 provided in section 57-39.2-04.14.
- 15 h. Tangible personal property used to construct a qualifying fertilizer or chemical  
16 processing facility as authorized or approved for exemption by the tax  
17 commissioner under section 57-39.2-04.15.
- 18 i. Tangible personal property used to construct a qualified straddle plant, a qualified  
19 fractionator, or qualified associated infrastructure as authorized or approved for  
20 exemption by the tax commissioner under section 57-39.2-04.16.
- 21 j. Tangible personal property as authorized or approved for exemption by the  
22 tax commissioner as provided in section 57-39.2-04.21.
- 23 k. Tangible personal property as authorized or approved for exemption by the  
24 tax commissioner as provided in section 57-39.2-04.20.
- 25 l. Raw materials, single-use product contact systems, and reagents used for  
26 biologic manufacturing as authorized or approved for exemption by the  
27 tax commissioner under section 57-39.2-04.19.
- 28 m. Tangible personal property used to construct, expand, or upgrade a facility that  
29 refines renewable feedstock into sustainable aviation fuel as authorized or  
30 approved by the tax commissioner under section 57-39.2-04.18.

1       **Use tax on contractors. (Effective after June 30, 2025, and through June 30, 2029)**

- 2       1. When a contractor or subcontractor uses tangible personal property in the  
3       performance of that person's contract, or to fulfill contract or subcontract obligations,  
4       whether the title to the property be in the contractor, subcontractor, contractee,  
5       subcontractee, or any other person, or whether the titleholder of the property would be  
6       subject to pay the sales or use tax, the contractor or subcontractor shall pay a use tax  
7       at the rate prescribed by section 57-40.2-02.1 measured by the purchase price or fair  
8       market value of such property, whichever is greater, unless the property has been  
9       previously subjected to a sales tax or use tax by this state, and the tax due has been  
10      paid. This section does not apply to a contractor or subcontractor that does not enter a  
11      contract for the purchase of the tangible personal property.
- 12      2. The provisions of this chapter pertaining to the administration of the tax imposed by  
13      section 57-40.2-02.1, not in conflict with the provisions of this section, govern the  
14      administration of the tax levied by this section.
- 15      3. The tax imposed by this section does not apply to:
- 16      a. Production equipment or tangible personal property as authorized or approved  
17      for exemption by the tax commissioner under section 57-39.2-04.2;
- 18      b. Machinery, equipment, or other tangible personal property used to construct an  
19      agricultural commodity processing facility as authorized or approved for  
20      exemption by the tax commissioner under section 57-39.2-04.3 or 57-39.2-04.4;
- 21      c. Tangible personal property used to construct or expand a system used to  
22      compress, process, gather, or refine gas recovered from an oil or gas well in this  
23      state or used to expand or build a gas-processing facility in this state as  
24      authorized or approved for exemption by the tax commissioner under section  
25      57-39.2-04.5;
- 26      d. Tangible personal property used to construct or expand a qualifying oil refinery as  
27      authorized or approved for exemption by the tax commissioner under section  
28      57-39.2-04.6;
- 29      e. Tangible personal property used to construct or expand a qualifying facility as  
30      authorized or approved for exemption by the tax commissioner under section  
31      57-39.2-04.10;

- 1 f. Tangible personal property used to construct or expand a qualifying facility as  
2 authorized or approved for exemption by the tax commissioner under section  
3 57-39.2-04.11;
- 4 g. Materials used in compressing, gathering, collecting, storing, transporting, or  
5 injecting carbon dioxide for use in enhanced recovery of oil or natural gas as  
6 provided in section 57-39.2-04.14;
- 7 h. Tangible personal property used to construct a qualifying fertilizer or chemical  
8 processing facility as authorized or approved for exemption by the tax  
9 commissioner under section 57-39.2-04.15; or
- 10 i. Tangible personal property used to construct a qualified straddle plant, a qualified  
11 fractionator, or qualified associated infrastructure as authorized or approved for  
12 exemption by the tax commissioner under section 57-39.2-04.16.
- 13 j. Tangible personal property as authorized or approved for exemption by the  
14 tax commissioner as provided in section 57-39.2-04.21.
- 15 k. Tangible personal property as authorized or approved for exemption by the  
16 tax commissioner as provided in section 57-39.2-04.20.
- 17 l. Raw materials, single-use product contact systems, and reagents used for  
18 biologic manufacturing as authorized or approved for exemption by the  
19 tax commissioner under section 57-39.2-04.19.
- 20 m. Tangible personal property purchased by the state of North Dakota, including a  
21 department or agency of the state, or by a contractor under section 1 of this Act,  
22 and which is subsequently installed by a contractor licensed under chapter 43-07.  
23 The exemption under this subdivision applies only to the state tax imposed under  
24 this chapter and to the extent the tangible personal property becomes part of the  
25 improvement to real property in the performance of the contract with the state  
26 and the state owns the real property and the property improvements.

27 **Use tax on contractors. (Effective after June 30, 2029)**

- 28 1. When a contractor or subcontractor uses tangible personal property in the  
29 performance of that person's contract, or to fulfill contract or subcontract obligations,  
30 whether the title to the property be in the contractor, subcontractor, contractee,  
31 subcontractee, or any other person, or whether the titleholder of the property would be

1 subject to pay the sales or use tax, the contractor or subcontractor shall pay a use tax  
2 at the rate prescribed by section 57-40.2-02.1 measured by the purchase price or fair  
3 market value of such property, whichever is greater, unless the property has been  
4 previously subjected to a sales tax or use tax by this state, and the tax due has been  
5 paid. This section does not apply to a contractor or subcontractor that does not enter a  
6 contract for the purchase of the tangible personal property.

7 2. The provisions of this chapter pertaining to the administration of the tax imposed by  
8 section 57-40.2-02.1, not in conflict with the provisions of this section, govern the  
9 administration of the tax levied by this section.

10 3. The tax imposed by this section does not apply to:

- 11 a. Production equipment or tangible personal property as authorized or approved  
12 for exemption by the tax commissioner under section 57-39.2-04.2;
- 13 b. Machinery, equipment, or other tangible personal property used to construct an  
14 agricultural commodity processing facility as authorized or approved for  
15 exemption by the tax commissioner under section 57-39.2-04.3 or 57-39.2-04.4;
- 16 c. Tangible personal property used to construct or expand a system used to  
17 compress, process, gather, or refine gas recovered from an oil or gas well in this  
18 state or used to expand or build a gas-processing facility in this state as  
19 authorized or approved for exemption by the tax commissioner under section  
20 57-39.2-04.5;
- 21 d. Tangible personal property used to construct or expand a qualifying oil refinery as  
22 authorized or approved for exemption by the tax commissioner under section  
23 57-39.2-04.6;
- 24 e. Tangible personal property used to construct or expand a qualifying facility as  
25 authorized or approved for exemption by the tax commissioner under section  
26 57-39.2-04.10;
- 27 f. Tangible personal property used to construct or expand a qualifying facility as  
28 authorized or approved for exemption by the tax commissioner under section  
29 57-39.2-04.11;

- 1           g. Materials used in compressing, gathering, collecting, storing, transporting, or  
2           injecting carbon dioxide for use in enhanced recovery of oil or natural gas as  
3           provided in section 57-39.2-04.14;
- 4           h. Tangible personal property used to construct a qualifying fertilizer or chemical  
5           processing facility as authorized or approved for exemption by the tax  
6           commissioner under section 57-39.2-04.15; or
- 7           i. Tangible personal property used to construct a qualified straddle plant, a qualified  
8           fractionator, or qualified associated infrastructure as authorized or approved for  
9           exemption by the tax commissioner under section 57-39.2-04.16.
- 10          j. Tangible personal property as authorized or approved for exemption by the  
11          tax commissioner as provided in section 57-39.2-04.21.
- 12          k. Tangible personal property as authorized or approved for exemption by the  
13          tax commissioner as provided in section 57-39.2-04.20.
- 14          l. Tangible personal property purchased by the state of North Dakota, including a  
15          department or agency of the state, or by a contractor under section 1 of this Act,  
16          and which is subsequently installed by a contractor licensed under chapter 43-07.  
17          The exemption under this subdivision applies only to the state tax imposed under  
18          this chapter and to the extent the tangible personal property becomes part of the  
19          improvement to real property in the performance of the contract with the state  
20          and the state owns the real property and the property improvements.

21           **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act is effective for taxable events occurring after  
22   June 30, 2025.