The state laboratories department and the state department of health were consolidated by the legislative assembly in 1987 (chapter 263 of the 1987 Session Laws). The state department of health and consolidated laboratories was given the rulemaking authority formerly possessed by the state laboratories commission (chapter 263 of the 1987 Session Laws). Rules adopted by the state department of health and consolidated laboratories pertaining to the consolidated laboratories branch are located at North Dakota Administrative Code articles 33-31 through 33-34.