

2001 HOUSE FINANCE AND TAXATION

HB 1316

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1316

House Finance and Taxation Committee

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Hearing Date January 23, 2001

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Minutes:

REP. AL CARLSON, CHAIRMAN. Opened the hearing.

REP. RICK BERG, DIST. 45. Introduced the bill. Today, if a couple is unmarried, they pay one tax, a month later they get married, they pay a higher tax, because of the way the schedules are on the federal returns, they end up paying higher taxes. Between 50,000 to 70,000 people in North Dakota, pay what is referred to as, marriage tax penalty. We have the short-form and the long-form. The short-form is coupled with federal taxation and we pay fourteen percent of our federal liability. I don't believe we can do anything on the short-form which relates to marriage tax penalty. We can address it on the long-form, that is what the bill does. The fiscal note, is \$500,000. That means there are married people paying \$500,000 more then if they weren't married. The break even point, in essence, is \$30,000. We don't think it is right for a married couple to pay a penalty.

REP. HERBEL You said the break even point is \$30,000, is that they each make \$30,000?

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REP. BERG It is a couple together earning \$30,000.

In my opinion, the long-form and the short-form should be revenue neutral. So if anyone in North Dakota said, they wanted to file the long-form instead of the short-form, North Dakota should earn the same amount of revenue. According to the tax department, there is no more work. One of my recommendations on the decoupling bill would be to take the tax rate in the decoupling bill and apply that to the long-form, creating a revenue neutral, but at the same time, giving an individual the ability to choose which form they want.

One of the fallacies in our tax system, over the years, we have given all kinds of tax breaks, then we put them on the long-form, where no one can use them. If the tax breaks aren't being used on the long-form, lets eliminate them. Then, set a rate structure on the long-form that is more realistic, as if we were going to decouple the short-form, then let the people decide how they would like to file.

JOSEPH BECKER, STATE TAX OFFICE, Explained portions of the bill. He gave examples of the numbers worked with in the three catagories. The thirty thousand dollar mark mentioned, is a family of four. The twenty five thousand dollar figure, we drop it to three children. In those categories, it represented about eight million dollars. We are assuming an equal split of income, that is where the greatest penalty lies, and where this would be the greatest benefit. As the income shifts more to one spouse, the benefit diminishes.

REP. HERBEL What kind of impact does it affect as you go to forty or fifty years old? **JOSEPH BECKER** The higher up the scale goes, they won't find the benefit shifting. They will have to shift over into the long form to get the benefit of the rates.

With no further testimony, the hearing was closed.



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COMMITTEE ACTION 2-06-01, Tape #1, Side B, Meter #1129

REP. DROVDAL Made a motion for a DO NOT PASS.

REP, HERBEL Second the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

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REP. CLARK Was given the floor assignment.

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council 01/17/2001

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Amendment to:

1A. State fiscal effect: Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

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1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

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2. Narrative: Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.

HB 1316 allows married couples filing joint federal returns to file separate state long form returns, and provides each separate filer with a \$300 deduction.

- 3. State fiscal effect detail: For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:
 - A. Revenues: Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.
- HB 1316 is expected to reduce state general fund revenues by approx. -\$560,000 per year.
 - B. Expenditures: Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.
 - C. Appropriations: Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

| Name: | Kathryn L. Strombeck | Agency: | Fax Department |
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| Phone Number: | 328-3402 | Date Prepared: (| 01/22/2001 |

Date: 2-6-01
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410) February 6, 2001 12:00 p.m.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1316: Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Carlson, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS (11 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1316 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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