

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1076
(Finance and Taxation Committee)
(At the request of the Board of University and School Lands)

AN ACT to create and enact a new subsection to section 57-38-57 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to disclosure of identifying information to the board of university and school lands; and to amend and reenact section 57-39.2-23 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to disclosure of identifying information to the board of university and school lands.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new subsection to section 57-38-57 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

The tax commissioner may furnish to the unclaimed property division of the board of university and school lands, upon its request, a taxpayer's name, address, and federal identification number for the sole purpose of identifying the taxpayer as the owner of an unclaimed voucher authorized by the tax commissioner.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 57-39.2-23 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

57-39.2-23. Information deemed confidential - Certain releases of information authorized. Except as provided by law, it is unlawful for the commissioner or any person having an administrative duty under this chapter to divulge or to make known in any manner whatever the business affairs, operations, or information obtained by an investigation of any person, corporation, or limited liability company in the discharge of official duty, or the amount or sources of income, profits, losses, expenditures, or any particulars thereof set forth or disclosed in any return, or to permit any return or copy thereof or any book containing any abstract of particulars thereof to be seen or examined by any person. The commissioner may authorize examination of those returns by other state officers and at the commissioner's discretion furnish to the tax officials of other states, the multistate tax commission, and the United States any information contained in the tax returns and reports and related schedules and documents filed under this chapter, and in the report of an audit or investigation made with respect thereto, if the information is furnished solely for tax purposes. The multistate tax commission may make the information available to the tax officials of any other state and the United States for tax purposes.

The commissioner may furnish to the workers compensation bureau, the job insurance division of job service North Dakota, and the secretary of state upon request of the respective agency a list or lists of holders of permits issued under this chapter or chapter 57-40.2, together with the addresses and tax department file identification numbers of those permitholders. The agency may use the list or lists only for the purpose of administering the duties of the agency. The commissioner may furnish to the unclaimed property division of the board of university and school lands, upon its request, the name, address, and the permitholder's federal identification number for the sole purpose of identifying the owner of an unclaimed voucher authorized by the commissioner. The commissioner may furnish to any state agency or to a private entity a list of names and addresses of holders of permits issued pursuant to this chapter or chapter 57-40.2 for the purpose of jointly publishing or distributing publications or other information pursuant to section 54-06-04.3. Any information so provided may only be used for the purpose of jointly publishing or distributing publications or other information as provided in section 54-06-04.3. The commissioner or any person having an administrative duty under this chapter may announce that a permit has been revoked.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1076.

House Vote: Yeas 96 Nays 0 Absent 2

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 3

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State