

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1517

Introduced by

Representatives Belter, Weiler

Senators Cook, O'Connell

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 11-09.1-05 and subsection 16  
2 of section 40-05.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a limitation on sales, use,  
3 and gross receipts taxes imposed by a county or city under home rule authority; and to provide  
4 an effective date.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 11-09.1-05 of the North Dakota  
7 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 2. Control its finances and fiscal affairs; appropriate money for its purposes, and  
9 make payments of its debts and expenses; subject to the limitations of this section  
10 levy and collect property taxes, sales and use taxes, farm machinery gross  
11 receipts taxes, alcoholic beverage gross receipts taxes, motor vehicle fuels and  
12 special fuels taxes, motor vehicle registration fees, and special assessments for  
13 benefits conferred, for its public and proprietary functions, activities, operations,  
14 undertakings, and improvements; contract debts, borrow money, issue bonds,  
15 warrants, and other evidences of indebtedness; establish charges for any county  
16 or other services to the extent authorized by state law, and establish debt and mill  
17 levy limitations; provided, that all property in order to be subject to the assessment  
18 provisions of this subsection must be assessed in a uniform manner as prescribed  
19 by the state board of equalization and the state supervisor of assessments. A  
20 charter or ordinance or act of a governing body of a home rule county may not  
21 supersede any state law that determines what property or acts are subject to, or  
22 exempt from, ad valorem taxes. A charter or ordinance or act of the governing  
23 body of a home rule county may not supersede section 11-11-55.1 relating to the  
24 sixty percent petition requirement for improvements and of section 40-22-18

relating to the barring proceeding for improvement projects. After ~~December 31,~~  
~~2005~~ July 31, 2009, sales and use taxes, farm machinery gross receipts taxes,  
and alcoholic beverage gross receipts taxes levied under this chapter:

- a. Must conform in all respects with regard to the taxable or exempt status of items under chapters 57-39.2, 57-39.5, 57-39.6, and 57-40.2 and may not be imposed at multiple rates with the exception of sales of electricity, piped natural or artificial gas, or other heating fuels delivered by the seller or the retail sale or transfer of motor vehicles, aircraft, watercraft, modular homes, manufactured homes, or mobile homes.
- b. May not be newly imposed or changed except to be effective on the first day of a calendar quarterly period after a minimum of ninety days' notice to the tax commissioner or, for purchases from printed catalogs, on the first day of a calendar quarter after a minimum of one hundred twenty days' notice to the seller.
- c. May not be limited to apply to less than the full value of the transaction or item as determined for state sales and use tax, except for farm machinery gross receipts tax purposes.
- d. Must be subject to collection by the tax commissioner under an agreement under section 57-01-02.1 and must be administered by the tax commissioner in accordance with the relevant provisions of chapter 57-39.2, including reporting and paying requirements, correction of errors, payment of refunds, and application of penalty and interest.
- e. May not be imposed at a rate exceeding one percent unless a higher rate is approved by a vote of sixty percent or more of the qualified electors of the county voting on the question.

After ~~December 31, 2005~~ July 31, 2009, any portion of a charter or any portion of an ordinance or act of a governing body of a home rule county passed pursuant to a charter which does not conform to the requirements of this subsection is invalid to the extent that it does not conform. The invalidity of a portion of a charter or ordinance or act of a governing body of a home rule county because it does not conform to this subsection does not affect the validity of any other portion of the

1 charter or ordinance or act of a governing body of a home rule county or the  
2 eligibility for a refund under section 57-01-02.1. Any taxes imposed under this  
3 chapter on farm machinery, farm irrigation equipment, and farm machinery repair  
4 parts used exclusively for agricultural purposes, or on alcoholic beverages, which  
5 were in effect on December 31, 2005, become gross receipts taxes after  
6 December 31, 2005.

7 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 16 of section 40-05.1-06 of the North Dakota  
8 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 9 16. To impose registration fees on motor vehicles, farm machinery gross receipts  
10 taxes, alcoholic beverage gross receipts taxes, or sales and use taxes in addition  
11 to any other taxes imposed by law. After ~~December 31, 2005~~ July 31, 2009, sales  
12 and use taxes and gross receipts taxes levied under this chapter:
- 13 a. Must conform in all respects with regard to the taxable or exempt status of  
14 items under chapters 57-39.2, 57-39.5, 57-39.6, and 57-40.2 and may not be  
15 imposed at multiple rates with the exception of sales of electricity, piped  
16 natural or artificial gas, or other heating fuels delivered by the seller or the  
17 retail sale or transfer of motor vehicles, aircraft, watercraft, modular homes,  
18 manufactured homes, or mobile homes.
- 19 b. May not be newly imposed or changed except to be effective on the first day  
20 of a calendar quarterly period after a minimum of ninety days' notice to the tax  
21 commissioner or, for purchases from printed catalogs, on the first day of a  
22 calendar quarter after a minimum of one hundred twenty days' notice to the  
23 seller.
- 24 c. May not be limited to apply to less than the full value of the transaction or item  
25 as determined for state sales and use tax purposes, except for farm  
26 machinery gross receipts tax.
- 27 d. Must be subject to collection by the tax commissioner under an agreement  
28 under section 57-01-02.1 and must be administered by the tax commissioner  
29 in accordance with the relevant provisions of chapter 57-39.2, including  
30 reporting and paying requirements, correction of errors, payment of refunds,  
31 and application of penalty and interest.

1           e. May not be imposed at a rate exceeding one and one-half percent unless a  
2           higher rate is approved by a vote of sixty percent or more of the qualified  
3           electors of the city voting on the question. Sales and use taxes or gross  
4           receipts taxes levied under this chapter before August 1, 2009, at a rate  
5           exceeding one and one-half percent may continue to be imposed at the rate  
6           in effect on July 31, 2009, until the expiration of the period for which the tax  
7           rate in excess of one and one-half percent was approved. The period for  
8           which the tax rate in excess of one and one-half percent was approved may  
9           be extended with approval by a vote of sixty percent or more of the qualified  
10          electors of the city voting on the question.

11           **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act is effective for sales, use, and gross  
12 receipts taxes imposed by a city or county under home rule authority after July 31, 2009.