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TITLE 52

Social Security

Summary of Bills Enacted by 2009 Legislative Assembly

This memorandum summarizes 2009 legislation primarily affecting North Dakota Century Code Title 52. Bills primarily affecting other titles may also affect this title, but those bills are not summarized in this memorandum.

The legislation relating to Social Security may be classified in these subject areas: unemployment compensation and Job Service North Dakota.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

House Bill No. 1362 directs Job Service North Dakota to follow certain procedures when responding to a staffing service's request to use the staffing service's unemployment compensation tax rate and to follow certain procedures when filing required notices and reports relating to staffing services.

Senate Bill No. 2101 provides that for purposes of unemployment compensation contribution rate calculations for new employers, for positive employer rate groups and for negative employer rate groups, calculations must be rounded to the nearest one-hundredth of 1 percent.

Senate Bill No. 2102 clarifies and increases the amount of the penalty that may be imposed against an employer that fails to timely submit to Job Service North Dakota the required unemployment compensation report of the employer's contribution and wages.

Senate Bill No. 2106 clarifies that for unemployment compensation eligibility calculations when the claimant left employment voluntarily and without good cause attributable to the employer and for calculations when the claimant was discharged for misconduct in connection with employment, the claimant shall demonstrate earnings for personal services in employment from and after the date of the unemployment compensation claim filing.

Senate Bill No. 2107 increases the number of employers that are required to file electronic contribution and wage reports for unemployment compensation by decreasing the required electronic filing threshold from those employers that employ more than 99 employees to those employers that employ more than 24 employees.

Senate Bill No. 2130 authorizes Job Service North Dakota to use money in the unemployment compensation federal advance interest repayment fund for the purpose of paying building lease costs of office facilities leased by Job Service North Dakota.

Senate Bill No. 2108 provides that as a condition of receipt of unemployment compensation benefits, the claimant shall complete all services assigned by Job Service North Dakota.

JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA

House Bill No. 1117 authorizes Job Service North Dakota to sell state property located in Jamestown.

House Bill No. 1118 authorizes Job Service North Dakota to sell state property located in Fargo and Grafton.

House Bill No. 1121 modifies the calculation formula for the primary insurance benefit under the old-age and survivor insurance trust fund.

House Bill No. 1436, as part of the bill that changes the name of the Legislative Council to Legislative Management, corrects a reference to the Legislative Council's Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee.

Senate Bill No. 2016 provides that Job Service North Dakota use 50 percent of the Workforce 20/20 funding appropriation for projects for new or expanding businesses in North Dakota.

Senate Bill No. 2078 repeals the law that provided for Job Service North Dakota to make grants to Job Training Partnership Act eligible students who are enrolled in adult basic and secondary education programs and training programs for adults approved by Job Service North Dakota.