

AERONAUTICS

CHAPTER 58

HOUSE BILL NO. 1217

(Representatives Schreiber-Beck, D. Anderson, Kempenich, Zubke)
(Senators Bekkedahl, Klein)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 2-05-11 and 2-05-11.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to aircraft registration.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 2-05-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-05-11. Aircraft registration - Fees.

The following ~~procedures governing fees and registration~~ apply:

1. Except as provided in section 2-05-11.3, every aircraft or ultralight vehicle operating within this state for more than thirty days must be registered with the aeronautics commission for each calendar year in which the aircraft or ultralight vehicle is operated within this state, subject to rules adopted by the commission. The commission shall charge a fee for each ~~such~~annual registration. The following fees apply:

Gross Weight in Pounds	Registration Fees
0 to 500	\$ 15.00
501 to 1,000	30.00
1,001 to 1,500	38.00
1,501 to 2,000	45.00
2,001 to 2,500	60.00
2,501 to 3,000	75.00
3,001 to 3,500	90.00
3,501 to 4,000	105.00
4,001 to 5,000	120.00
5,001 to 6,000	150.00
6,001 to 7,000	180.00
7,001 to 8,000	210.00

8,001 to 9,000	240.00
9,001 to 10,000	270.00
10,001 to 15,000	300.00
15,001 to 20,000	450.00
20,001 to 30,000	600.00
30,001 to 40,000	900.00
40,001 to 50,000	1,200.00
50,001 to 75,000	1,500.00
75,001 to 100,000	2,250.00
100,001 and over	3,000.00

~~The fees must be reduced ten percent each year after the initial registration, or if the aircraft is one year old or older and being registered for the first time, the fees must be reduced ten percent for each year after the year of manufacture of the aircraft, until the fee reaches a figure equal to fifty percent of the original registration fee, which is the fee each year thereafter. For aircraft that become based in the state after June thirtieth of a calendar year, the registration fee is one-half the annual fee.~~

2. All weights must be based upon the maximum permissible take-off weight, except that the weights must be empty weights for all ultralight vehicles which are not certificated for maximum permissible take-off weight.
3. The aeronautics commission may charge a reasonable cost of service fee for registration of aircraft operated by state agencies, political subdivisions, aviation schools operated by state institutions of higher education, or the civil air patrol in lieu of the regular registration fee.
4. All fees received under this section must be deposited in the aeronautics commission special fund.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 2-05-11.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-05-11.3. Fee for a permanent registration - Issuance of registration decal - Disposition of fee.

The fee for a permanent registration under section 2-05-11.2 is ~~eighty-five~~one hundred twenty-five dollars. The commission shall prepare a distinctive decal denoting permanent registration under section 2-05-11.2. The fee must be deposited in the aeronautics commission special fund.

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CHAPTER 59

SENATE BILL NO. 2049

(Government and Veterans Affairs Committee)
(At the request of the Aeronautics Commission)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 2-05-22, 57-40.5-09, and 57-40.5-11, subsection 1 of section 57-43.3-02, and sections 57-43.3-03 and 57-43.3-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the aeronautics commission special fund, aircraft excise tax, and aviation fuel tax; to repeal sections 57-43.3-04 and 57-43.3-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the aviation fuel tax; and to provide an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 2-05-22 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-05-22. Interest-- Aeronautics commission special fund.

1. A special fund known as the aeronautics commission special fund is established.
2. The aeronautics commission special fund must be administered and expended by the commission for the following:
 - a. Administration of the commission.
 - b. Airport construction and improvement projects, including:
 - (1) Airport administration and terminal buildings, hangers, and landing strips for aircraft;
 - (2) Purchase of land for airports or landing fields and easements for such facilities;
 - (3) Maintenance and maintenance equipment; and
 - (4) Clearing of sites, marking, lighting and engineering, and navigational aids.
 - c. Administration, construction, reconstruction, repair, maintenance, and operation of airports near communities, recreational areas, or parks, including the international peace garden airport, and for necessary expenses and purchases of land and easements for such facilities.
 - d. Expenses related to the duties of the commission as set out in section 2-05-05, including the creation and distribution of education grants.
3. All money derived from the investment of the aeronautics commission special fund or any portion of the fund, including aircraft excise tax funds collected

and received under chapter 57-40.5, must be credited to the aeronautics commission special fund.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 57-40.5-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

57-40.5-09. Allocation of revenue.

All moneys collected and received under this chapter must be transmitted monthly by the director to the aeronautics commission special fund. ~~These funds may be used for airport construction or improvement projects as approved by the aeronautics commission in an amount as allowed by the commission.~~

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 57-40.5-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

57-40.5-11. Director to act as agent of tax commissioner in administration of aircraft excise tax - Provisions of motor vehicle excise tax applicable.

The state tax commissioner is charged with the administration of this chapter. The provisions of chapter 57-40.3, pertaining to the administration of the motor vehicle excise tax, including provisions for the audit and assessment, not in conflict with the provisions of this chapter, govern the administration of the tax levied in this chapter. The tax commissioner may prescribe all rules, not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, for the administration of this chapter. The collection of the aircraft excise tax must be carried out by the director who shall act as the agent of the state tax commissioner and who is subject to all rules, not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, that may be prescribed by the tax commissioner. ~~The provisions of this chapter may not be construed to prevent the collection of aircraft excise taxes by the tax commissioner in the course of any audit carried on by the tax commissioner.~~

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 57-43.3-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. ~~Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a~~ tax of eight cents per gallon [3.79 liters] is imposed on all aviation fuel sold or used in this state.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 57-43.3-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

57-43.3-03. Refund of tax.

1. A consumer who paid the tax imposed by section 57-43.3-02 may file a claim for a refund with the commissioner pursuant to the refund provisions in chapter 57-43.1. ~~The tax imposed by section 57-43.3-04 must be deducted from the refund.~~
2. Any person to whom aviation fuel is sold on which the tax imposed by this chapter has been paid who thereafter removes the fuel from this state for sale or resale in another state or to a state that requires payment of a tax upon the use of the fuel in that state must be granted a refund of the tax that was paid pursuant to this chapter. The refund may be granted only upon application to the commissioner in the manner prescribed by the commissioner and must include proof that fuel for sale or resale in another state was reported to the taxing agency of that state, or in the case of a consumer, proof of payment of the tax imposed by the other state. A claim for refund under this section must

be made within one year from the date the fuel was removed to another state for sale, resale, or use in another state.

3. When a person purchasing aviation fuel for resale purposes pays the tax imposed by this chapter and later makes a sale of the fuel to an agency of the United States government, the person may apply to the commissioner for a refund of the tax.
4. The tax commissioner shall deposit in a fund known as the aviation fuel tax refund reserve, such amounts from aviation fuel tax collections as the commissioner deems necessary to pay refunds to persons entitled to refunds under this section.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 57-43.3-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

57-43.3-07. Allocation of unclaimed refund revenue - Appropriation.

~~The tax collected by the commissioner pursuant to~~under section 57-43.3-02, upon which no refund is claimed, and those revenues remaining as unclaimed refunds must be ~~deposited in the office of~~transferred to the state treasurer, who shall deposit ~~such~~the moneys in a special fund known as the state aeronautics commission special fund. These funds are appropriated to the commission and ~~must be disbursed by warrant check prepared by the office of management and budget upon vouchers submitted by the commission and approved by the office of management and budget and must be administered and expended by the commission for administration, construction, reconstruction, repair, maintenance, and operation of airports near communities, recreational areas, or parks including the international peace garden airport and for necessary expenses and for the purchase of land and easements for such facilities.~~

SECTION 7. REPEAL. Sections 57-43.3-04 and 57-43.3-06 of the North Dakota Century Code are repealed.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. Sections 4 and 7 of this Act are effective for taxable purchases made after June 30, 2017.

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CHAPTER 60

HOUSE BILL NO. 1305

(Representatives Schreiber-Beck, Kading, Olson, Porter)
(Senators Bekkedahl, Cook, Dotzenrod)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 2-06-01, 2-06-01.1, 2-06-01.2, 2-06-02, 2-06-03, 2-06-04, 2-06-06, 2-06-07, 2-06-08, 2-06-09, 2-06-10, 2-06-11, 2-06-12, 2-06-13, 2-06-14, 2-06-15, 2-06-16, 2-06-17, 2-06-18, 2-06-19, 2-06-20, 2-06-21, and 2-06-22 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the form and style of statutes governing airport authorities; and to repeal sections 2-06-05 and 2-06-23 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to airport authorities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 2-06-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-06-01. Definitions.

The following words or terms whenever used or referred to in this chapter have the following respective meanings unless different meanings clearly appear from the context:

1. "Air navigation facility" means any facility, other than one owned and operated by the United States, used in, available for use in, or designed for use in aid of air navigation, including any structures, mechanisms, lights, beacons, markers, communicating systems, or other instrumentalities, or devices, used or useful as an aid, or constituting an advantage or convenience, to the safe taking off, navigation, and landing of aircraft, or the safe and efficient operation or maintenance of an airport, and any combination of any or all of such facilities.
2. "Airport" means any area of land or water which is real or personal property used, or intended for use, to be used for the navigation, landing, and taking off of aircraft, and any appurtenant areas which are real or personal property used, or intended for use, to be used for airport operations or maintenance, buildings or other airport facilities or rights of way, including or approaches and clear zones, together with all airport buildings and facilities located thereon.
- 3-2. "Airport authority" or "authority" means any regional airport authority or municipal airport authority created pursuant to the provisions of under this chapter, and the governing body of a municipality which has determined to exercise the powers of a municipal airport authority, pursuant to section 2-06-02.
- 4-3. "Airport hazard" means any structure, object of natural growth, or use of land property which obstructs the airspace required for, or is otherwise hazardous to, the flight of aircraft in landing or taking off at an airport or is otherwise hazardous to such landing or taking off of aircraft.

- ~~5-4.~~ "Bonds" means any bonds, notes, interim certificates, debentures, or similar obligations issued by an authority pursuant to under this chapter.
- ~~6-5.~~ "Clerk" means the custodian of the official records of a municipality.
- ~~7-6.~~ "Governing body" means the official or officials authorized by law to exercise ordinance or other lawmaking powers of a municipality.
- ~~8-7.~~ "Municipal airport authority" or "municipal authority" means a municipal airport authority created pursuant to the provisions of under section 2-06-02.
- ~~9-8.~~ "Municipality" means any county, city, or township of this state.
- ~~10.~~ "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, company, association, joint stock association, or body politic; and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee, or other similar representative thereof.
- ~~11.~~ "Project" means any airport operated by the authority, including all real and personal property, structures, machinery, equipment, and appurtenances or facilities which are part of such airport or used or useful in connection therewith either as ground facilities for the convenience of handling aviation equipment, passengers, and freight or as part of aviation operation, air navigation, and air safety operation.
- ~~12-9.~~ "Real property" means lands, structures, and interests in land, including lands under water and riparian rights, and any and all things and rights usually included within the term real property, including not only fee simple absolute but also any and all lesser interests, such as easements, rights of way, uses, leases, licenses, and all other incorporeal hereditaments and every estate, interest, or right, legal or equitable, pertaining to real property.
- ~~13-10.~~ "Regional airport authority" or "regional authority" means a regional airport authority created pursuant to the provisions of under section 2-06-03.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 2-06-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-06-01.1. Aeronautics commission may exercise powers of airport authority - Exceptions.

The North Dakota aeronautics commission shall ~~have~~ has the powers of an airport authority as defined provided in this chapter, except powers to certify or levy taxes or issue bonds, for the purpose of constructing and operating a public airport near the International Peace Garden and ~~for constructing and operating such other public airports or landing fields near international border ports of entry, and near state or national parks, or near recreational areas as the aeronautics commission may determine to be in the public interest.~~

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 2-06-01.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-06-01.2. Airport operation and income.

The aeronautics commission shall ~~have~~ has operational control of airports constructed under the provisions of section 2-06-01.1 and may provide for the

imposition of landing fees, granting of fuel and service concessions, or the lease of portions of the premises for other related airport services or for purposes ~~not inconsistent~~ consistent with the use of the premises for airport purposes. All income from the operation of such airports must be deposited in the state treasury in a special operating fund to be known as the airport operating fund. All expenditures from such fund must be within the limits of legislative appropriations and must be made upon vouchers, signed and approved by the director of the aeronautics commission. ~~Upon approval of such vouchers by the office of the budget, warrant checks for such expenditures must be prepared by the office of management and budget.~~

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 2-06-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-06-02. Creation of municipal airport authority - Dissolution.

1. ~~Any~~A governing body of a municipality, by resolution of its governing body, may create a public body corporate and politic to be known as a municipal airport authority, which is authorized to exercise its functions upon the appointment and qualification of the first commissioners thereof; ~~or the governing body by resolution may determine or choose to exercise any or all~~the powers granted to such authorities in provided to a municipal airport authority under this chapter until or unless such powers are or have been conferred upon a municipal or regional airport authority.
2. Upon the adoption of a resolution creating a municipal airport authority, the governing body of the municipality, ~~pursuant to the resolution,~~ shall appoint five persons as commissioners of the authority. The commissioners who are first appointed ~~are~~must be designated to serve for terms of one, two, three, four, and five years, respectively, but thereafter, each commissioner must be appointed for a term of five years, except that vacancies occurring ~~otherwise~~other than by expiration of term must be filled for the unexpired term by the governing body.
3. Upon the adoption of a resolution to exercise the powers provided to a municipal airport authority under this chapter, the members of the governing body of the municipality constitute the commissioners of the authority.
- 2.4. After payment of all debts, a municipal airport authority may be dissolved by resolution of the governing body of the municipality. Before dissolution, the property of the airport authority either must be transferred to the municipality or sold, and the net proceeds of sale deposited in the general fund of the municipality.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 2-06-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-06-03. ~~Creation of regional~~Regional airport authority creation or expansion - Dissolution.

1. ~~Two or more municipalities, whether in this state or in an adjoining state, provided that at least one~~A municipality is in North Dakota, by joint resolution with one or more municipalities in North Dakota or an adjoining state, may create a public body, corporate and politic, to be known as a regional airport authority which is authorized to which may exercise its functions upon the issuance by the secretary of state of a certificate of incorporation. ~~The~~Under

~~the joint resolution, the governing bodies of the municipalities participating in the creation of a regional airport authority, pursuant to such joint resolution, shall appoint at least five persons as commissioners of the regional airport authority. The number to be appointed and their representation must be provided for in the joint resolution. The term of office of each regional airport authority commissioner must be in accordance with subsection 5. The commissioners who are first appointed must be designated to serve terms of one, two, three, four, or five years with at least one commissioner's term expiring each year. Each such regional airport authority, once created, shall organize, elect officers for terms of office to be fixed by agreement, and adopt and amend from time to time procedural rules for its own procedure not inconsistent~~consistent with section 2-06-06.

2. A regional airport authority may be increased from time to time ~~expanded~~ expanded to serve one or more additional municipalities if ~~the governing body of each additional municipality and, the governing body of each of the municipalities then included in the regional authority, and the commissioners of the regional authority, respectively, each~~ the governing body of each of the municipalities then included in the regional authority, and the commissioners of the regional authority, respectively, each adopt a resolution consenting thereto; ~~provided, that if~~ to the expansion.

~~If a municipal airport authority exists for any municipality seeking to be included in the regional authority is then in existence, the commissioners of the that municipal authority must consent to the inclusion of the municipality in the regional authority, and if, If the municipal authority has any bonds outstanding, one hundred per centum percent of the holders of the bonds bondholders must provide written consent, in writing, to the inclusion of the municipality in the regional authority. Upon the inclusion of any municipality in the regional authority, all rights, contracts, obligations, and property, real and personal, of the municipal authority must be in the name of and vest in the regional authority.~~

3. ~~A~~ The area encompassed in a regional airport authority may be decreased if each of the municipalities then included in the regional authority and the commissioners of the regional authority consent to the decrease and make provisions for the retention or disposition of its assets and liabilities; provided, that if, If the regional authority has any bonds outstanding, no decrease may be effected unless one hundred per centum percent of the holders of the bonds bondholders provide written consent thereto in writing to the decrease.
4. A municipality may not adopt any resolution authorized by this section without a public hearing ~~thereon on the resolution. Notice thereof Ten days prior notice of the hearing must be given at least ten days prior thereto published in a newspaper published in the municipality; or, if there is no newspaper published therein in the municipality, then in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.~~
5. ~~All commissioners~~ The term of a commissioner of a regional airport authority must be appointed for terms of ~~is~~ five years each, except that a vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of an unexpired term must be filled for the unexpired remainder of the term in the same manner as the original appointments.
6. After payment of all debts, a regional airport authority may be dissolved by a joint resolution of the governing bodies of the participating municipalities. Before dissolution, the property of the regional airport authority must be sold,

transferred, or distributed as agreed by the participating municipalities. Any remaining funds of the regional airport authority must be distributed to the general funds of the participating municipalities in proportion to their support of the regional airport authority.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 2-06-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-06-04. Certificate of incorporation of regional airport authority.

1. Upon the appointment and qualification of the commissioners first appointed to a regional airport authority, ~~they~~the commissioners shall submit to the secretary of state a certified copy of each resolution adopted pursuant to ~~subsection 1 of~~section 2-06-03 hereof by the municipalities included in the regional authority, and ~~upon receipt thereof~~ the secretary of state shall issue a certificate of incorporation to the regional airport authority upon receipt of the resolutions.
2. When a regional airport authority is increased or decreased pursuant to ~~under~~ section 2-06-03, it shall forward to the secretary of state a certified copy of each resolution adopted ~~pursuant thereto~~under that section, and ~~upon receipt thereof~~, the secretary of state shall issue an amended certificate of incorporation in accordance ~~therewith~~upon receipt of the resolutions.

SECTION 7. AMENDMENT. Section 2-06-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-06-06. Commissioners - Compensation - Meetings - Officers.

Each commissioner of an airport authority shall hold office until the commissioner's successor has been appointed and has qualified. The certificates of the appointment and reappointment of commissioners must be filed with the authority. The appointing authority shall establish the rate of compensation for commissioners, duties, and compensation. ~~For such legal services as it may require, an~~ authority may ~~call upon~~obtain legal services from the chief law officer of the municipality or municipalities included in the authority or may employ its own legal counsel and legal staff. An authority may delegate powers or duties to ~~one or more of~~ its agents or employees ~~such powers or duties as it may deem~~deems proper.

The powers of each authority are vested in ~~the~~its commissioners thereof. A majority of the commissioners of an authority constitutes a quorum for the purpose of conducting business ~~of the authority and exercising its powers and for all other purposes.~~ Action may be taken by the authority upon a vote of not less than a majority of the commissioners present.

~~There must be elected~~Each authority shall elect a chairman and vice chairman from among the commissioners. An authority may employ an executive director, secretary, technical experts, and ~~such~~ other officers, agents, and employees, permanent and temporary, as it may require, and shall determine their qualifications, duties, and compensation. ~~For such legal services as it may require, an~~ authority may ~~call upon~~obtain legal services from the chief law officer of the municipality or municipalities included in the authority or may employ its own legal counsel and legal staff. An authority may delegate powers or duties to ~~one or more of~~ its agents or employees ~~such powers or duties as it may deem~~deems proper.

SECTION 8. AMENDMENT. Section 2-06-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-06-07. General powers of an authority.

An authority has all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of this chapter including the power to certify, annually to the governing bodies creating it, the amount of the proposed tax to be levied by ~~said~~the governing bodies for airport purposes within the limitations in section 2-06-15, ~~including~~and the power:

1. To sue and be sued, to have a seal, and to have perpetual succession.
2. To execute ~~such~~ contracts and other instruments ~~and take such other action~~ ~~as may be~~ necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of this chapter.
3. To plan, establish, acquire, develop, construct, purchase, enlarge, improve, maintain, equip, operate, regulate, and protect airports ~~and air navigation facilities~~, within this state and within any adjoining state, including the acquisition, construction, installation, equipment, maintenance, and operation at such airports or buildings and other facilities for the servicing of aircraft or for comfort and accommodation of air travelers, and the purchase and sale of supplies, goods, and commodities as are incident to the operation of its airport properties. For such purposes, an authority may by purchase, gift, devise, lease, eminent domain proceedings, or otherwise acquire property, real or personal, ~~or any interest therein~~, including easements in airport hazards or land outside the boundaries of an airport or airport site, as are necessary to permit the removal, elimination, obstruction-marking or obstruction-lighting of airport hazards, ~~or to prevent the establishment of airport hazards.~~
4. To establish comprehensive airport zoning regulations in accordance with the laws of this state. For the purpose of this chapter, a regional airport authority has the same powers as all other political subdivisions ~~in the adoption to adopt and enforcement of enforce~~ comprehensive airport zoning regulations ~~as provided for by under~~ the laws of this state.
5. To acquire, by purchase, gift, devise, lease, eminent domain proceedings or otherwise, existing airports ~~and air navigation facilities~~; ~~provided, however,~~ an authority may not acquire or take over any airport ~~or air navigation facility~~ owned or controlled by another authority, a municipality, or public agency of this or any other state without the consent of ~~such~~the authority, municipality, or public agency.
6. To establish or acquire and maintain airports in, over, and upon any public waters of this state, and any submerged lands under such public waters; and to construct and maintain terminal buildings, landing floats, causeways, roadways, and bridges for approaches to or connecting with any ~~such~~ airport, and landing floats and breakwaters for the protection ~~thereof~~of an airport.
7. To establish toll access roadways leading to air carrier terminal buildings. The toll access charge may not exceed one dollar per vehicle.

SECTION 9. AMENDMENT. Section 2-06-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-06-08. Eminent domain.

In the acquisition of property by eminent domain proceedings authorized by this chapter, an airport authority shall proceed in the manner provided by chapter 32-15 of ~~the laws of this state, and such other laws that may now or hereafter apply to the~~

state or to political subdivisions of this state in exercising the right of eminent domain. The fact that the property to be acquired by eminent domain proceedings was and other applicable laws. An airport authority may use eminent domain to acquire property acquired by its current owner by eminent domain proceedings does not prevent its acquisition by such proceedings by the authority. For the purpose of making surveys and examinations relative to eminent domain proceedings, it is lawful for the authority to enter upon the land, doing to make surveys and examinations related to eminent domain proceedings as long as doing so results in no unnecessary damage. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other statute or other law of this state, an authority may take possession of any property to be acquired by eminent domain proceedings at any time after the commencement of such the proceedings. The authority is not precluded from abandoning such may abandon the proceedings at any time prior to before final order and decree of the court having jurisdiction of such the proceedings, provided that the authority shall be liable to the owner of the property for any damage done to the property during possession thereof by the authority.

SECTION 10. AMENDMENT. Section 2-06-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-06-09. Disposal of airport property.

Except as may be limited by the terms and conditions of any grant, loan, or agreement authorized by section 2-06-13, an authority may, by sale, lease, or otherwise, dispose of any airport, air navigation facility, or other property, or portion thereof or interest therein, acquired pursuant to under this chapter. Such The disposal by sale, lease, or otherwise must be in accordance with the laws of this state governing the disposition of other public property, except that in the case of disposal to another authority, a municipality or an agency of the state or federal government for use and operation as a public airport, the sale, lease, or other disposal may be effected in such the manner and upon such terms as the commissioners of the authority may deem in the best interest of civil aviation.

SECTION 11. AMENDMENT. Section 2-06-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-06-10. Bonds and other obligations.

1. An authority may borrow money and issue bonds for any of its corporate purposes and issue its bonds therefor, including refunding bonds, in such the form and upon such the terms as it may determine chooses, payable out of any revenues of the authority, including grants or contributions from the federal government or other sources, which, The bonds may be sold at not less than ninety-eight percent of par plus the interest accrued on the bonds to the date of the delivery thereof.
2. Bond issues sold at private sale must bear interest at a rate or rates and be sold at a price resulting in an average net interest cost not exceeding twelve percent per annum. There is no interest rate ceiling on those issues sold at public sale or to the state of North Dakota or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.
3. Any bonds issued pursuant to under this chapter by an authority, or by a governing body exercising the powers thereof of an authority, are payable, as to principal and interest, solely from revenues of an airport or air navigation facility or facilities, and must so state on their face, but if any such issue of

bonds constitutes an indebtedness within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory debt limitation or restriction, each bond of the issue is, subject to the requirements of subsection 9, an equally valid and binding special obligation of the authority or municipality, ~~as the case may be,~~ in accordance with its terms, in an amount proportionate to the total amount of the issue which is within the limitation or restriction. Neither the commissioners of an authority nor the governing body of a municipality nor any person executing ~~such~~the bonds is liable personally ~~thereon~~ by reason of the issuance thereof, except to the extent ~~that~~ the bonds, if constituting an indebtedness, exceed any applicable limitation or restriction.

4. ~~In case~~ if any of the commissioners or officers of an authority or municipality whose signatures appear on any bonds or coupons ~~cease~~ceases to be ~~such~~commissioners a commissioner or ~~officers~~officer after authorization but before the delivery of the bonds, ~~the signature shall, nevertheless, be the signature of~~ the commissioner or official remains valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if the ~~commissioners~~commissioner or ~~officers~~officer had remained in office until delivery. Any ~~provision of any law to the contrary notwithstanding,~~ any bonds issued ~~pursuant to~~under this chapter are fully negotiable.
5. Any bond reciting in substance that it has been issued by the authority or municipality ~~pursuant to~~under this chapter and for a purpose ~~or purposes~~ authorized by this chapter ~~is conclusively~~must be deemed, in any suit, action, or proceeding involving the validity or enforceability of the bond or the security ~~therefor~~ for the bond, to have been issued ~~pursuant to~~under this chapter and for ~~such~~that purpose ~~or purposes~~.
6. Bonds issued by an authority or municipality ~~pursuant to~~under this chapter are declared to be issued for an essential public and governmental purpose and, together with interest ~~thereon~~ on the bonds, and income ~~therefrom~~ from the bonds, are exempt from all taxes.
7. For the security of any such bonds, the authority or municipality may by resolution ~~make and enter into~~ any covenant, agreement, or indenture authorized to be made as security for revenue bonds issued under chapter 40-35. The sums required ~~from time to time~~ to pay principal and interest and to create and maintain a reserve for the bonds may be made payable from any ~~and all~~ revenues referred to in this chapter, ~~prior to~~before the payment of current costs of operation and maintenance of the facilities.
8. The governing body of ~~the~~ a municipality that issues revenue bonds under this chapter shall levy a general tax upon all ~~of the~~ taxable property in the municipality for the payment of any deficiency in airport authority funds to pay principal or interest due for revenue bonds issued ~~under this chapter~~ the bonds before August 1, 2015, and made payable from revenues of an airport authority. The governing body of the municipality may levy a general tax upon all ~~of the~~ taxable property in the municipality for the payment of any deficiency that is likely to occur within one year in airport authority funds to pay principal or interest due for revenue bonds issued under this chapter before August 1, 2015, and made payable from revenues of an airport authority. The taxes levied by the municipality under this subsection are not subject to any limitation of rate or amount applicable to other municipal taxes.
9. Revenue bonds issued by an airport authority after July 31, 2015, must include the commitment of the municipality for the payment of any deficiency

in airport authority funds to pay principal or interest due for revenue bonds as provided in this subsection. The governing body of the municipality shall levy a general tax upon all of the taxable property in the municipality for the payment of any deficiency in airport authority funds to pay principal or interest due for revenue bonds issued under this chapter after July 31, 2015, and made payable from revenues of an airport authority. The governing body of the municipality may levy a general tax upon all of the taxable property in the municipality for the payment of any deficiency that is likely to occur within one year in airport authority funds to pay principal or interest due for revenue bonds issued under this chapter after July 31, 2015, and made payable from revenues of an airport authority. The taxes levied by the municipality under this subsection are not subject to any limitation of rate or amount applicable to other municipal taxes. The commitment of the municipality and the issuance of the bonds must be approved by a majority vote of the governing body of each municipality involved or, upon placement of the question on the ballot at a primary, general, or special election, by approval of a majority of the qualified electors of the municipalities voting on the question.

SECTION 12. AMENDMENT. Section 2-06-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-06-11. Operation and use privileges.

1. a In connection with the operation of an airport ~~or air navigation facility~~ owned or controlled by an authority, the authority may enter into contracts, leases, and other arrangements for terms not to exceed thirty years with any persons:
 - a- (1) Granting the privilege of using or improving the airport ~~or air navigation facility~~ or any portion or facility thereof ~~or space therein~~ of the airport for commercial purposes;
 - b- (2) Conferring the privilege of supplying goods, commodities, things, services, or facilities at the airport ~~or air navigation facility~~; and
 - e- (3) Making available services to be furnished by the authority or its agents at the airport ~~or air navigation facility~~.
 - b. In each case the authority may establish the terms and conditions and fix the charges, rentals, or fees for the privileges or services, which ~~shall~~ must be reasonable and uniform for the same class or privilege or service and must be established with due regard to the property and improvements used and the expenses of operation to the authority; ~~provided, that in no case may.~~ However, the public may not be deprived of its rightful, equal, and uniform use of the airport, ~~air navigation facility~~, or portion of facility thereof the airport.
2. Except as may be limited by ~~the terms and conditions of~~ any grant, loan, or agreement authorized by section 2-06-13, an authority may by contract, lease, or other arrangements, upon a consideration fixed by it, grant to any qualified person for a term not to exceed thirty years the privilege of operating, as agent of the authority or otherwise, any airport owned or controlled by the authority; ~~provided, that no.~~ However, the person may not be granted any authority to operate an airport other than as a public airport ~~or to, and may not~~ enter into any contracts, leases, or other arrangements in connection with the operation

of the airport which the authority might not have undertaken under subsection 1.

SECTION 13. AMENDMENT. Section 2-06-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-06-12. Regulations.

An authority is ~~authorized to~~ may adopt, amend, and repeal ~~such any~~ reasonable resolutions, rules, ~~regulations,~~ and orders ~~as it deems necessary~~ for the management, government, and use of any airport or air navigation facility ~~owned by it or under its control~~ it owns or controls. ~~No~~ An airport authority may not issue any rule, regulation, order, or standard ~~prescribed by the commission may be inconsistent with, or contrary to, any act of the Congress of the United States or any regulation promulgated or standard established pursuant thereto~~ under federal law. ~~The~~ Each airport authority shall keep on file at the principal office of the authority for public inspection a copy of all its rules and ~~regulations~~.

SECTION 14. AMENDMENT. Section 2-06-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-06-13. Federal and state aid.

1. An authority is ~~authorized to~~ may accept, receive, receipt for, disburse, and expend federal and state moneys and other moneys, public or private, made available by grant or loan or both, to accomplish, ~~in whole or in part,~~ any of the purposes of this chapter. All federal moneys accepted under this section must be accepted and expended by the authority upon ~~such~~ the terms and conditions ~~as are~~ prescribed by the United States and ~~as are~~ consistent with state law; and all state moneys accepted under this section must be accepted and expended by the authority upon ~~such~~ the terms and conditions ~~as are~~ prescribed by the state.
2. An authority is ~~authorized to~~ may designate the state aeronautics commission as its agent to accept:
 - a. Accept, receive, receipt for, and disburse federal and state moneys, and other moneys, public or private, made available by grant or loan or both, to accomplish ~~in whole or in part,~~ any of the purposes of this chapter; and ~~to designate the state aeronautics commission as its agent in contracting~~
 - b. Contract for and ~~supervising~~ supervise the planning, acquisition, development, construction, improvement, maintenance, equipment, or operation of any airport ~~or other air navigation facility~~.
3. An authority may enter ~~into~~ an agreement with the ~~said~~ aeronautics commission prescribing the terms and conditions of the agency in accordance with ~~such~~ the terms and conditions ~~as are~~ prescribed by the United States, if federal money is involved, and in accordance with the applicable laws of this state. All federal moneys accepted under this section by the state aeronautics commission must be accepted and transferred or expended by ~~said~~ the commission upon ~~such~~ the terms and conditions ~~as are~~ prescribed by the United States. All moneys received by the state aeronautics commission ~~pursuant to this~~ under subsection shall ~~must~~ 2 must be deposited in the state treasury, and unless otherwise prescribed by the agency from which ~~such~~ the moneys were received, must be kept in separate funds designated according

to the purposes for which the moneys were made available, and held by the state in trust for ~~such~~those purposes.

SECTION 15. AMENDMENT. Section 2-06-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-06-14. Tax levy may be requested by airport authority or municipality - Financial report.

An airport authority may request annually from the governing bodies ~~of the municipalities within the authority, an amount of tax to be levied by each municipality participating in the creation of the airport authority, and the municipality~~municipalities may levy the amount requested, pursuant to provisions ~~of under the law~~ authorizing cities and other political subdivisions of this state to levy taxes for airport purposes. With its levy request under this section, an airport authority may certify its current and anticipated revenues and resources, any anticipated revenue shortfall for bonded debt payment, and the amount necessary from its property tax levy authority for its annual principal and interest payment for bonded debt incurred under this chapter ~~and, if it. If the authority finds that the certified amount is necessary for the annual bonded debt payment, the municipality shall levy for the airport authority not less than the certified amount. In the year for which the levy is sought, an airport authority that is not a city or county governing body and which is seeking approval of a property tax levy of a city or county governing body under this chapter must~~shall file with the auditor of each participating city or county, at a time and in a format prescribed by the auditors, a financial report for the preceding calendar year showing the ending balances of each fund held by the airport authority during that year. The levy made may not exceed the maximum levy permitted by the laws of this state for airport purposes.

The municipality shall collect the taxes levied for an airport authority in the same manner as other taxes are levied and collected. The proceeds of ~~such~~the taxes must be deposited in a special account ~~or accounts~~ in which other revenues of the authority are deposited, and may be expended by the authority as ~~provided for~~in allowed under this chapter.

~~Prior to~~Before the issuance of bonds under section 2-06-10, the airport authority or the municipality may by resolution provide its commitment ~~as provided in~~under section 2-06-10 that the total amount of ~~such~~ taxes then authorized by law, or such portion thereof as may be specified by the resolution, will be certified, levied, and deposited annually until the bonds and interest are fully paid.

SECTION 16. AMENDMENT. Section 2-06-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-06-15. Tax levy by county, city, or township for airport or airport authority purposes.

A county, city, or township supporting an airport or airport authority may levy ~~not exceeding up to~~ four mills for airport or airport authority purposes. If any city or township within the county is levying a tax for support of an airport or airport authority and the total of the county and city or county and township levies exceeds four mills, the county tax levy within the city or township levying under this section must be reduced so the total levy in the city or township does not exceed four mills.

SECTION 17. AMENDMENT. Section 2-06-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-06-16. Joint operations.

1. For the purposes of this section, unless otherwise qualified, the term "public agency" includes municipality and authority, ~~each as defined in this chapter,~~ any agency of the state government and of the United States, and any municipality, political subdivision, and agency of an adjoining state; and the term "governing body" includes commissioners of an authority, the governing body of a municipality, and the head of an agency of a state or the United States if the public agency is ~~either than~~not an authority or municipality. All powers, privileges, and authority granted by this chapter may be exercised ~~and enjoyed~~ by an authority jointly with any public agency of this state, and jointly with any public agency of any adjoining state or of the United States to the extent that the laws of ~~such the~~ other state or of the United States permit such joint exercise ~~of enjoyment~~. Any agency of the state government, when acting jointly with any authority, may exercise ~~and enjoy~~ all the powers, privileges, and authority conferred by this chapter upon an authority.
2. Any two or more public agencies may enter ~~into~~ agreements with each other for joint action ~~pursuant to the provisions of~~under this section. Each agreement must specify its duration, the proportionate interest ~~which that~~ each public agency must have in the property, facilities, and privileges involved in the joint undertaking, the proportion of costs ~~of operation, etc.,~~ to be borne by each public agency, and ~~such~~ other terms as are ~~deemed~~ necessary or required by law. The agreement may ~~also~~ provide for amendments and termination; disposal of ~~all or any of~~ the property, facilities, and privileges jointly owned, ~~prior to before,~~ or at such times as ~~said the~~ property, facilities, and privileges, ~~or any part thereof,~~ cease to be used for the purposes provided in this chapter, or upon termination of the agreement; the distribution of the proceeds received upon any disposal, and of any funds or other property jointly owned ~~and undisposed of;~~ the assumption of payment of any indebtedness arising from the joint undertaking which remains unpaid upon the disposal of all assets or upon a termination of the agreement; and ~~such~~ other provisions as ~~may be~~ necessary or convenient.
3. Public agencies acting jointly ~~pursuant to~~under this section shall create a joint board ~~which shall consist~~consisting of members appointed by the governing body of each participating public agency. The number to be appointed, ~~their and the term and compensation, if any, of the members~~ must be provided for in the joint agreement. Each joint board shall organize, select officers for ~~such terms as~~ that are fixed by the agreement, and adopt and amend ~~from time to time~~ rules for its own procedure. The joint board ~~has power,~~ as agent of the participating public agencies, ~~to~~may plan, acquire, establish, develop, construct, enlarge, improve, maintain, equip, operate, regulate, protect, and police any airport ~~or air navigation facility~~ or airport hazard to be jointly acquired, controlled, and operated, and ~~the board may be authorized by the participating public agencies~~ may authorize the joint board to exercise ~~on behalf of its constituent public agencies~~ the constituent public agencies all the powers of ~~each the constituent public agencies~~ with respect to the airport, ~~air navigation facility,~~ or airport hazard, subject to the limitations of subsection 4.
4. a. The total expenditures to be made by the joint board for any purpose in any calendar year must be as determined by a budget approved by the constituent public agencies on or before the preceding December first, or as otherwise specifically authorized by the constituent public agencies.

- b. No airport, ~~air navigation facility,~~ or airport hazard, or real or personal property, the cost of which is in excess of sums fixed therefor by the joint agreement or allotted in the annual budget, may be acquired, established, or developed by the joint board without the approval of the governing bodies of its constituent public agencies.
- c. Subject to chapter 32-15, the joint board may institute eminent domain proceedings under this section ~~may be instituted by the joint board only by authority of~~ the governing bodies of the constituent public agencies of the joint board authorize the board to do so. If so authorized, ~~such~~the proceedings must be instituted in the names of the constituent public agencies jointly, and the property so acquired ~~shall~~must be held by ~~said~~the public agencies as tenants in common.
- d. The joint board may not dispose of any airport, ~~air navigation facility,~~ or real property under its jurisdiction except with the consent of the governing bodies of its constituent public agencies, ~~provided that~~except the joint board may, without ~~such~~that consent, enter ~~into~~ contracts, leases, or other arrangements contemplated by section 2-06-11 ~~of this chapter.~~
- e. Any resolutions, rules, ~~regulations,~~ or orders of the joint board dealing with subjects authorized by section 2-06-11 become effective only upon approval of the governing bodies of the constituent public agencies, ~~provided that upon such.~~ Upon the approval, the resolutions, rules, ~~regulations,~~ or orders of the joint board have the same force and effect in the territories or jurisdictions involved as the ordinances, resolutions, rules, ~~regulations,~~ or orders of each public agency would have in its ~~own~~ territory or jurisdiction.
5. ~~For~~The joint board shall create a joint fund for the purpose of providing the joint board with moneys for the necessary expenditures ~~in carrying to carry out~~ the provisions of this section, ~~a joint fund shall be created and maintained, and~~ into which must be deposited the share of each of the constituent public agencies as provided by the joint agreement. Any federal, state, or other grants, contributions, or loans, and the revenues obtained from the joint ownership, control, and operation of any airport ~~or air navigation facility~~ under the jurisdiction of the joint board must be paid into the joint fund. Disbursements from ~~such~~the fund must be made by order of the board, subject to the limitations prescribed in subsection 4.

SECTION 18. AMENDMENT. Section 2-06-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-06-17. Public purpose.

The acquisition of any land, or interest therein, pursuant to this chapter, the planning, acquisition, establishment, development, construction, improvement, maintenance, equipment, operation, regulation, and protection of airports ~~and air navigation facilities,~~ including the acquisition or elimination of airport hazards, and the exercise of any other powers herein granted to authorities and other public agencies, to be severally or jointly exercised, are ~~hereby declared to be~~ public and governmental functions, exercised for a public purpose, and matters of public necessity. All land and other property and privileges acquired and used by or on behalf of any authority or other public agency in the manner and for the purposes enumerated in this chapter ~~shall and are hereby declared to be~~ acquired and used for public and governmental purposes and as a matter of public necessity.

SECTION 19. AMENDMENT. Section 2-06-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-06-18. Airport property and income exempt from taxation.

Any property in this state acquired by an authority for airport purposes pursuant to the provisions of under this chapter, and any income derived by the authority from the ownership, operation, or control thereof of the property, is exempt from taxation to the same extent as other property used for public purpose.

SECTION 20. AMENDMENT. Section 2-06-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-06-19. Municipal cooperation.

For the purpose of aiding and cooperating in the planning, undertaking, construction, or operation of airports and air navigation facilities pursuant to the provisions of under this chapter, any municipality for which an authority has been created may, upon such terms, with or without consideration, as it may determine:

1. Lend or donate money to the authority.
2. Provide that all revenues received by the municipality for airport purposes, be transferred, paid, or credited to an airport authority fund. The city auditor or county treasurer may establish and maintain the fund to account for airport authority revenues and shall make payments from the fund for invoices that have been submitted and approved by the governing body of the airport authority. On request of the city auditor or county treasurer and during an audit, the governing board of the airport authority shall supply its records. ~~The records must be provided~~ on a timely basis. The fund may not revert to the governing body of the municipality at the end of any fiscal year. The fund must be used exclusively for the establishment and maintenance of airport facilities.
3. Cause water, sewer, or drainage facilities, or any other facilities which that it is empowered to provide, to be furnished adjacent to or in connection with such airports ~~or air navigation facilities~~.
4. Dedicate, sell, convey, or lease any of its interest in any property, or grant easements, licenses, or any other rights or privileges therein in the property to the authority.
5. Furnish, dedicate, close, pave, install, grade, regrade, plan or replan streets, roads, roadways, and walks from established streets or roads to such airports ~~or air navigation facilities~~.
6. Do any and all things, ~~whether or not specifically authorized in this section and not otherwise prohibited by law, that are necessary or convenient to aid and cooperate with the authority in the planning, undertaking, construction, or operation of airports and air navigation facilities.~~
7. Enter into agreements with the authority respecting action to be taken by the municipality pursuant to the provisions of under this section.

SECTION 21. AMENDMENT. Section 2-06-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-06-20. Out-of-state airport jurisdiction authorized - Reciprocity with adjoining states and governmental agencies.

1. For the purpose of this section, "governmental agency" means any municipality, city, ~~town~~, county, public corporation, or other public agency.
2. This state or any governmental agency of this state having any powers with respect to planning, establishing, acquiring, developing, constructing, enlarging, improving, maintaining, equipping, operating, regulating, or protecting airports ~~or air navigation facilities~~ within this state, may exercise those powers within any state or jurisdiction adjoining this state, subject to the laws of that state or jurisdiction.
3. Any state adjoining this state or any governmental agency thereof may plan, establish, acquire, develop, construct, enlarge, improve, maintain, equip, operate, regulate, and protect airports ~~and air navigation facilities~~ within this state, subject to the laws of this state applicable to airports ~~and air navigation facilities~~. Subject to chapter 32-15, the adjoining state or governmental agency has the power of eminent domain in this state, which must be exercised in the manner provided by the laws of this state governing condemnation proceedings, ~~provided that~~except the power of eminent domain may not be exercised unless the adjoining state authorizes the exercise of that power ~~therein that state~~ by this state or any governmental agency ~~thereof this state~~ having any of the powers mentioned in this section.
4. The powers granted in this section may be exercised jointly by two or more states or governmental agencies, including this state and its governmental agencies, in such combination ~~as may be agreed upon by them.~~

SECTION 22. AMENDMENT. Section 2-06-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-06-21. Supplemental authority.

In addition to the general and special powers conferred by this chapter, every authority is ~~authorized to~~may exercise such powers ~~as are necessary incidental to the exercise of such~~the authority's general and special powers.

SECTION 23. AMENDMENT. Section 2-06-22 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2-06-22. Savings clause -- Airport zoningZoning.

~~Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to limit any right, power, or authority. This chapter does not supersede the authority of a municipality to regulate airport hazards by zoning.~~

SECTION 24. REPEAL. Sections 2-06-05 and 2-06-23 of the North Dakota Century Code are repealed.

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