

**Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1162  
(Representative Keiser)  
(Senator Klein)

AN ACT to create and enact section 28-32-08.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fiscal notes for agency rules; to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 28-32-03, subsection 1 of section 28-32-10, and subsection 2 of section 28-32-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to notice of emergency rulemaking and the administrative rules committee carrying over consideration of administrative rules; and to provide an effective date.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 5 of section 28-32-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5. The agency shall take appropriate measures attempt to make interim final rules known to every person persons who the agency can reasonably be expected to believe may be affected by have a substantial interest in them. As used in this subsection, "substantial interest" means an interest in the effect of the rules which surpasses the common interest of all citizens. An agency adopting emergency rules shall comply with the notice requirements of section 28-32-10 which relate to emergency rules and shall provide notice to the chairman of the administrative rules committee of the emergency status, declared effective date, and grounds for emergency status of the rules under subsection 2. When notice of emergency rule adoption is received, the legislative council shall publish the notice and emergency rules on its website.

**SECTION 2.** Section 28-32-08.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**28-32-08.2. Fiscal notes for administrative rules.**

When an agency presents rules for administrative rules committee consideration, the agency shall provide a fiscal note or a statement in its testimony that the rules have no fiscal effect. A fiscal note must reflect the effect of the rules changes on state revenues and expenditures, including any effect on funds controlled by the agency.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 28-32-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. An agency shall prepare a full notice and an abbreviated notice of rulemaking.
  - a. The agency's full notice of the proposed adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule must include a short, specific explanation of the proposed rule and the purpose of the proposed rule, identify the emergency status and declared effective date of any emergency rules, include a determination of whether the proposed rulemaking is expected to have an impact on the regulated community in excess of fifty thousand dollars, identify at least one location where interested persons may review the text of the proposed rule, provide the address to which written comments concerning the proposed rule may be sent, provide the deadline for submission of written comments, provide a telephone number and post-office or electronic mail address at which a copy of the rules and regulatory analysis may be requested, and, in the case of a substantive rule, provide the time and place set for each oral hearing. The agency's full notice must be filed with the legislative council, and the agency shall request publication of an abbreviated newspaper publication notice at least once in each official county newspaper published in

this state. The notice filed with the legislative council must be accompanied by a copy of the proposed rules.

- b. The abbreviated newspaper publication of notice must be in a display-type format with a minimum width of one column of approximately two inches [5.08 centimeters] and a depth of from three inches [7.62 centimeters] to four inches [10.16 centimeters] with a headline describing the general topic of the proposed rules. The notice must also include the telephone number or address to use to obtain a copy of the proposed rules, identification of the emergency status and declared effective date of any emergency rules, the address to use and the deadline to submit written comments, and the location, date, and time of the public hearing on the rules.

**SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 28-32-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. The administrative rules committee may find a rule void at the meeting at which the rule is initially considered by the committee or may hold consideration of that rule for one subsequent meeting. If no representative of the agency appears before the administrative rules committee when rules are scheduled for committee consideration, those rules are held over for consideration at the next subsequent committee meeting. Rules are not considered initially considered by the committee under this subsection until a representative of the agency appears before the administrative rules committee when the rules are scheduled for committee consideration. If no representative of the agency appears before the administrative rules committee meeting to which rules are held over for consideration, the rules are void if the rules were adopted as emergency rules and for rules not adopted as emergency rules the administrative rules committee may void the rules, allow the rules to become effective, or hold over consideration of the rules to the next subsequent committee meeting. Within three business days after the administrative rules committee finds that a rule is void, the legislative council shall provide written notice of that finding and the committee's specific finding under subdivisions a through f of subsection 1 to the adopting agency and to the chairman of the legislative management. Within fourteen days after receipt of the notice, the adopting agency may file a petition with the chairman of the legislative management for review by the legislative management of the decision of the administrative rules committee. If the adopting agency does not file a petition for review, the rule becomes void on the fifteenth day after the notice from the legislative council to the adopting agency. If within sixty days after receipt of the petition from the adopting agency the legislative management has not disapproved by motion the finding of the administrative rules committee, the rule is void.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Sections 1 and 3 of this Act are effective for rules for which the notice of rulemaking is filed with the legislative council after July 31, 2011. Sections 2 and 4 of this Act are effective for rules scheduled for administrative rules committee review after July 31, 2011.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1162.

House Vote:    Yeas 93            Nays 0            Absent 1

Senate Vote:    Yeas 47            Nays 0            Absent 0

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Governor

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Secretary of State