

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1156
(Government and Veterans Affairs Committee)
(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 44-08-04.5 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the direct billing of employee lodging expenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 44-08-04.5 of the 1999 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

44-08-04.5. Prepayment and direct billing of out-of-state lodging expenses of state officers and employees.

1. The office of management and budget shall seek to obtain sales tax exemptions for state employee travel lodging expense from all other states and the District of Columbia. If available from other states, the office of management and budget shall file exemption records, documents, or numbers for use by state agencies. Whenever any state agency, board, bureau, or institution makes out-of-state travel plans involving a lodging expense, the agency may contact the office of management and budget to determine if a sales tax exemption has been obtained from the destination state or states. If an exemption has been obtained, and if travel plans are sufficiently certain, the agency, board, bureau, or institution may obtain the required documentation from the office of management and budget and arrange with the out-of-state lodging provider to have the agency prepay the lodging expense or to have the lodging expense directly billed to the agency and obtain the benefit of the sales tax exemption.
2. If a state agency, board, bureau, or institution makes out-of-state travel plans involving a lodging expense when the lodging expense may be obtained at a reduced cost because it is part of a combination of travel-related expenses purchased together, the agency, board, bureau, or institution may arrange with the lodging provider or travel agency to have the lodging expense prepaid by the agency or billed directly to the agency.

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. 1156.

House Vote: Yeas 97 Nays 0 Absent 1

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 2

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