

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

SENATE BILL NO. 2080  
(Finance and Taxation Committee)  
(At the request of the State Treasurer)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 54-27-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to allocation of the highway tax distribution fund.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-27-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**54-27-19. Highway tax distribution fund - State treasurer to make allocation to state, counties, and cities.** A highway tax distribution fund is hereby created as a special fund in the state treasury into which must be deposited the moneys available by law from collections of motor vehicle registration and related fees, fuels taxes, special fuels taxes, use taxes, and special fuels excise taxes. Any moneys in the highway tax distribution fund must be allocated and transferred monthly by the state treasurer, as follows:

1. Sixty-three percent of such moneys must be transferred monthly to the state department of transportation and placed in a state highway fund.
2. Thirty-seven percent of such moneys must be allocated to the counties of this state in proportion to the number of motor vehicle registrations credited to each county. Each county must be credited with the certificates of title of all motor vehicles registered by residents of such county. The state treasurer shall compute and distribute the counties' share monthly after deducting the incorporated cities' share. All the moneys received by the counties from the highway tax distribution fund must be set aside in a separate fund called the "highway tax distribution fund" and must be appropriated and applied solely for highway purposes in accordance with section 11 of article X of the Constitution of North Dakota. The state treasurer shall compute and distribute monthly ~~twenty-seven percent of~~ the sums allocated to ~~each county to~~ the incorporated cities within ~~such~~ each county according to the formula in this subsection on the basis of the per capita population of all of the incorporated cities situated within ~~such~~ each county as determined by the last official regular or special federal census or the census taken in accordance with the provisions of chapter 40-02 in case of a city incorporated subsequent to such census. Provided, however, that in each county having a city with a population of ten thousand or more, the amount transferred each month into the county highway tax distribution fund must be the difference between the amount allocated to that county pursuant to this subsection and the total amount allocated and distributed to the incorporated cities in that county as computed according to the following formula:
  - a. ~~Twenty-seven~~ A statewide per capita average as determined by calculating twenty-seven percent of the amount allocated to all of the counties under this subsection ~~must be the incorporated cities' share and must be divided by the total population of all of the incorporated cities in the state to determine the statewide per capita average.~~
  - b. The share distributed to each city in the county having a population of less than one thousand must be determined by multiplying the population of that city by the product of 1.50 times the statewide per capita average computed under subdivision a.

- c. The share distributed to each city in the county having a population of one thousand to four thousand nine hundred ninety-nine, inclusive, must be determined by multiplying the population of that city by the product of 1.25 times the statewide per capita average computed under subdivision a.
- d. The share distributed to each city in the county having a population of five thousand or more must be determined by multiplying the population of that city by the statewide per capita average for all such cities, which per capita average must be computed as follows: the total of the shares computed under subdivisions b and c for all cities in the state having a population of less than five thousand must be subtracted from the total incorporated cities' share in the state as computed under subdivision a and the balance remaining must then be divided by the total population of all cities of five thousand or more in the state.

The moneys allocated to the incorporated cities must be distributed to them monthly by the state treasurer and must be deposited by the cities in a separate fund and may only be used in accordance with section 11 of article X of the Constitution of North Dakota; provided, that any incorporated city may use such fund for the construction, reconstruction, repair, and maintenance of public highways within or outside such city pursuant to an agreement entered into between the city and any other political subdivision as authorized by section 54-40-08.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2080.

Senate Vote:    Yeas    46        Nays    0        Absent    1

House Vote:    Yeas    92        Nays    0        Absent    2

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Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005,  
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Secretary of State