

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1145
(Finance and Taxation Committee)
(At the request of the Tax Commissioner)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 57-38-30.3 and subsection 2 of section 57-38-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the filing of separate income tax returns by married individuals; and to provide an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. A tax is hereby imposed for each taxable year upon income earned or received in that taxable year by every resident and nonresident individual, estate, and trust. A taxpayer computing the tax under this section is only eligible for those adjustments or credits that are specifically provided for in this section. Provided, that for purposes of this section, any person required to file a state income tax return under this chapter, but who has not computed a federal taxable income figure, shall compute a federal taxable income figure using a pro forma return in order to determine a federal taxable income figure to be used as a starting point in computing state income tax under this section. The tax for individuals is equal to North Dakota taxable income multiplied by the rates in the applicable rate schedule in subdivisions a through d corresponding to an individual's filing status used for federal income tax purposes. For an estate or trust, the schedule in subdivision e must be used for purposes of this subsection. ~~For a nonresident individual, estate, or trust, the tax is equal to the tax determined in accordance with the applicable schedule in subdivisions a through e multiplied by the fraction under subdivision f.~~

- a. Single, other than head of household or surviving spouse.

If North Dakota taxable income is:	The tax is equal to:
Not over \$27,050	2.10%
Over \$27,050 but not over \$65,550	\$568.05 plus 3.92% of amount over \$27,050
Over \$65,550 but not over \$136,750	\$2,077.25 plus 4.34% of amount over \$65,550
Over \$136,750 but not over \$297,350	\$5,167.33 plus 5.04% of amount over \$136,750
Over \$297,350	\$13,261.57 plus 5.54% of amount over \$297,350

- b. Married filing jointly and surviving spouse.

If North Dakota taxable income is:	The tax is equal to:
Not over \$45,200	2.10%
Over \$45,200 but not over \$109,250	\$949.20 plus 3.92% of amount over \$45,200
Over \$109,250 but not over \$166,500	\$3,459.96 plus 4.34% of amount over \$109,250
Over \$166,500 but not over \$297,350	\$5,944.61 plus 5.04% of amount over \$166,500
Over \$297,350	\$12,539.45 plus 5.54% of amount over \$297,350

- c. Married filing separately.

If North Dakota taxable income is:	The tax is equal to:
Not over \$22,600	2.10%
Over \$22,600 but not over \$54,625	\$474.60 plus 3.92% of amount over \$22,600
Over \$54,625 but not over \$83,250	\$1,729.98 plus 4.34% of amount over \$54,625

Over \$83,250 but not over \$148,675	\$2,972.31 plus 5.04% of amount over \$83,250
Over \$148,675	\$6,269.73 plus 5.54% of amount over \$148,675

d. Head of household.

If North Dakota taxable income is:	The tax is equal to:
Not over \$36,250	2.10%
Over \$36,250 but not over \$93,650	\$761.25 plus 3.92% of amount over \$36,250
Over \$93,650 but not over \$151,650	\$3,011.33 plus 4.34% of amount over \$93,650
Over \$151,650 but not over \$297,350	\$5,528.53 plus 5.04% of amount over \$151,650
Over \$297,350	\$12,871.81 plus 5.54% of amount over \$297,350

e. Estates and trusts.

If North Dakota taxable income is:	The tax is equal to:
Not over \$1,800	2.10%
Over \$1,800 but not over \$4,250	\$37.80 plus 3.92% of amount over \$1,800
Over \$4,250 but not over \$6,500	\$133.84 plus 4.34% of amount over \$4,250
Over \$6,500 but not over \$8,900	\$231.49 plus 5.04% of amount over \$6,500
Over \$8,900	\$352.45 plus 5.54% of amount over \$8,900

f. ~~For a nonresident individual, estate, or trust, the tax determined under the applicable schedule in subdivisions a through e must be~~ For an individual who is not a resident of this state for the entire year, or for a nonresident estate or trust, the tax is equal to the tax otherwise computed under this subsection multiplied by a fraction in which:

- (1) The numerator is the ~~individual's~~ federal adjusted gross income ~~derived from North Dakota sources~~ allocable and apportionable to this state; and
- (2) The denominator is the ~~individual's~~ federal adjusted gross income from all sources reduced by the net income from the amounts specified in subdivisions a and b of subsection ~~3~~ 2.

In the case of married individuals filing a joint return, if one spouse is a resident of this state for the entire year and the other spouse is a nonresident for part or all of the tax year, the tax on the joint return must be computed under this subdivision.

g. ~~If married individuals who file a joint federal income tax return are required to file separate state income tax returns under any provision of this chapter, the tax under this subsection for each spouse must be determined by applying the rates under subdivision b to the spouses' joint North Dakota taxable income and prorating the result between the spouses based on their separate North Dakota taxable incomes.~~

h. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2001, the tax commissioner shall prescribe new rate schedules that apply in lieu of the schedules set forth in subdivisions a through e. The new schedules must be determined by increasing the minimum and maximum dollar amounts for each income bracket for which a tax is imposed by the cost-of-living adjustment for the taxable year as determined by the secretary of the United States treasury for purposes of section 1(f) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended. For this purpose, the rate applicable to each income bracket may not be changed, and the manner of applying the cost-of-living adjustment must be the same as that used for adjusting the income brackets for federal income tax purposes.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 57-38-31 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. The same filing status and deduction method used by a husband and wife when filing federal income tax returns must be used when filing state income tax returns. ~~If either spouse is a resident and the other is a nonresident, separate state income tax returns must be filed.~~

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2004.

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-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1145.

House Vote: Yeas 89 Nays 0 Absent 5

Senate Vote: Yeas 44 Nays 0 Absent 3

Chief Clerk of the House

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Governor

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Secretary of State