

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Conference Committee Amendments  
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1406**

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 57-39.4-33.4 and chapter 57-39.8 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to administration of the streamlined sales and use tax agreement  
3 and to authorizing entry of state-tribal agreements for administration and collection of state and  
4 tribal sales, use, and gross receipts taxes imposed and collected within the exterior boundaries  
5 of the Standing Rock Reservation within this state; and to amend and reenact subsection 2 of  
6 section 57-39.2-04.1, sections 57-39.4-29 and 57-39.4-31, and subsection 2 of section  
7 57-40.2-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of prepared food for  
8 sales tax purposes, the taxability matrix to be used for administration of the sales and use tax  
9 agreement, the streamlined sales tax governing board and advisory council and the definition of  
10 prepared food for use tax purposes.

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

12 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 57-39.2-04.1 of the North Dakota  
13 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

14 2. For purposes of this section:

- 15 a. "Alcoholic beverages" means beverages that are suitable for human consumption  
16 and contain one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume.
- 17 b. "Candy" means a preparation of sugar, honey, or other natural or artificial  
18 sweeteners in combination with chocolate, fruits, nuts, or other ingredients or  
19 flavoring in the form of bars, drops, or pieces. Candy does not include any  
20 preparation containing flour and does not require refrigeration.
- 21 c. "Dietary supplement" means any product, other than tobacco, intended to  
22 supplement the diet which contains one or more of the following dietary  
23 ingredients: a vitamin; a mineral; an herb or other botanical; an amino acid; a  
24 dietary substance for use by humans to supplement the diet by increasing the

1 total dietary intake; an oral concentrate, metabolite, constitute, extract, or  
2 combination of any dietary ingredients described in this sentence and which is  
3 intended for ingestion in tablet, capsule, powder, soft gel, gel cap, or liquid form,  
4 or if not represented for use as a sole item of a meal or of a diet; and is required  
5 to be labeled as a dietary supplement, identifiable by the supplemental facts box  
6 found on the label and as required pursuant to 21 CFR section 101.36.

7 d. "Prepared food" means:

8 (1) Food sold in a heated state or heated by the seller;

9 (2) Two or more food ingredients mixed or combined by the seller for sale as a  
10 single item; or

11 (3) Food sold with eating utensils provided by the seller, including plates,  
12 knives, forks, spoons, glasses, cups, napkins, or straws. A plate does not  
13 include a container or packaging used to transport the food.

14 e. "Prepared food" does not mean:

15 (1) Food that is only cut, repackaged, or pasteurized by the seller.

16 (2) Eggs, fish, meat, poultry, and foods containing these raw animal foods  
17 requiring cooking by the consumer as recommended by the food and drug  
18 administration in chapter 3, part 401.11, of its food code so as to prevent  
19 foodborne illness.

20 (3) If sold without eating utensils provided by the seller:

21 (a) Food sold by a seller whose proper primary North American industry  
22 classification system classification is manufacturing in sector 311,  
23 except subsector 3118, bakeries.

24 (b) Food sold in an unheated state by weight or volume as a single item.

25 (c) Bakery items, including bread, rolls, buns, biscuits, bagels, croissants,  
26 pastries, donuts, Danish, cakes, tortes, pies, tarts, muffins, bars,  
27 cookies, and tortillas.

28 (d) Food sold that ordinarily requires additional cooking, as opposed to  
29 just reheating, by the consumer prior to consumption.

30 f. "Soft drinks" means nonalcoholic beverages that contain natural or artificial  
31 sweeteners. "Soft drinks" does not include beverages that contain milk or milk

1 products, soy, rice, or similar milk substitutes, or greater than fifty percent of  
2 vegetable or fruit juice by volume.

3 g. "Tobacco" means cigarettes, cigars, chewing or pipe tobacco, or any other item  
4 that contains tobacco.

5 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-39.4-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **57-39.4-29. (328) Taxability matrix.**

8 1. a. To ensure uniform application of terms defined in part II and part III(B) of the  
9 library of definitions as adopted by the governing board under section 57-39.4-28,  
10 each member state shall complete a, to the best of its ability, section 1 of the  
11 taxability matrix adopted by the governing board.

12 b. To inform the general public of its practices regarding certain products,  
13 procedures, services, or transactions adopted by the governing board under  
14 section 57-39.4-33.4, each member state shall complete, to the best of its ability,  
15 section 2 of the taxability matrix.

16 2. The member state's entries in the matrix shall be provided and maintained in a  
17 database that is in a downloadable format approved by the governing board. A  
18 member state shall provide notice of changes in the taxability of the products or  
19 services listed in the taxability matrix as required by the governing board.

20 2.3. A member state shall relieve sellers and certified service providers from liability to the  
21 member state and its local jurisdictions for having charged and collected the incorrect  
22 amount of sales or use tax resulting from the seller or certified service provider relying  
23 on erroneous data provided by the member state in the taxability matrix. If a member  
24 state amends an existing provision of its taxability matrix, the member state shall, to  
25 the extent possible, relieve sellers and certified service providers from liability to the  
26 member state and its local jurisdictions until the first day of the calendar month that is  
27 at least thirty days after notice of change to a member state's taxability matrix is  
28 submitted to the governing board, provided the seller or certified service provider  
29 relied on the prior version of the taxability matrix.

30 3.4. If a state levies sales and use tax on a specified digital product and provides an  
31 exemption for an item within the definition of such specified digital product under

1 subsection 8 of section 57-39.4-33.1, such exemption must be noted in the taxability  
2 matrix.

3 ~~4.5.~~ Each state that provides for a sales tax holiday under section 57-39.4-23 shall, in a  
4 format approved by the governing board, give notice in the taxability matrix of the  
5 products for which a tax exemption is provided.

6 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-39.4-31 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **~~57-39.4-31. Membership of streamlined sales tax governing board and state and local~~**  
9 **~~advisory council.~~**

- 10 1. Two members of the house of representatives and two members of the senate, to be  
11 appointed by the chairman of the legislative management, shall represent ~~the~~this state  
12 of North Dakota on the streamlined sales tax governing board.
- 13 ~~2. One member of the house of representatives and one member of the senate, to be~~  
14 ~~appointed by the chairman of the legislative management, shall represent the state of~~  
15 ~~North Dakota on the streamlined sales tax state and local advisory council.~~
- 16 ~~3.~~ The tax commissioner shall designate a member of the tax commissioner's staff to  
17 accompany and advise the members appointed under this section with regard to  
18 multistate discussions to review or revise the agreement or to conduct such other  
19 business as comes before the board ~~or council.~~

20 **SECTION 4.** Section 57-39.4-33.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and  
21 enacted as follows:

22 **57-39.4-33.4. Best practices.**

- 23 1. For purpose of this section, "best practices" means those practices adopted by the  
24 governing board as the best practices in administration of the sales and use taxes in  
25 the member states regarding certain identified products, procedures, services, or  
26 transactions.
- 27 2. A majority vote of the entire governing board is required to approve a motion to adopt  
28 a best practices standard. The governing board shall provide public notice and  
29 opportunity for comment prior to voting on a motion to adopt a best practice.
- 30 3. Best practices adopted by the governing board must be maintained in an appendix to  
31 the agreement.

1       4. Conformance by a member state to best practices adopted by the governing board is  
2       voluntary and a state may not be found to be out of compliance with the agreement  
3       because the effect of the state's laws, rules, regulations, and policies do not follow  
4       each of the best practices adopted by the governing board.

5       5. A state shall complete the best practice matrix by the first day of the calendar month  
6       that is at least thirty days after the date the governing board approves a best practice  
7       and submits it to the executive director for posting on the governing board's website.  
8       For subsequent best practices approved by the governing board, a state shall update  
9       its best practice matrix by the first day of the calendar month that is at least thirty days  
10      after the date the governing board approves a new best practice and submits it to the  
11      executive director for posting on the governing board's website.

12      **SECTION 5.** Chapter 57-39.8 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as  
13 follows:

14      **57-39.8-01. Authority to enter state-tribal sales, use, and gross receipts tax**  
15 **agreements.**

16      The governor may enter an agreement on behalf of the state with the governing body of the  
17 Standing Rock Sioux Tribe which complies with the provisions of this chapter relating to  
18 administration and allocation of state and tribal sales, use, and gross receipts taxes imposed  
19 and collected within the exterior boundaries of the Standing Rock Reservation within this state.

20      **57-39.8-02. Agreement requirements.**

21      Any agreement under this chapter is subject to the following:

- 22      1. The only taxes subject to agreement are state and tribal sales, use, and gross receipts  
23      taxes for taxable transactions and activities within the exterior boundaries of the  
24      Standing Rock Reservation within this state.
- 25      2. If the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe governing body chooses to impose sales, use, and  
26      gross receipts taxes on persons subject to the tribe's taxing powers and enter an  
27      agreement under this chapter, the tribal tax code provisions:
  - 28      a. Must impose a tribal tax of equal rate, except as provided in subdivision b, and  
29      conform in all respects with regard to the taxable or exempt status of transactions  
30      and activities under chapters 57-39.2, 57-39.5, 57-39.6, and 57-40.2 but must be

- 1           applied to only those taxable transactions and activities that are exempt from  
2           state taxes because they occur within the tribe's jurisdiction.
- 3           b. Must also impose a separate and additional tribal sales, use, and gross receipts  
4           tax at a rate of one-fourth of one percent which conforms in all respects with  
5           regard to the taxable or exempt status of transactions and activities under  
6           chapters 57-39.2, 57-39.5, 57-39.6, and 57-40.2. However, taxable transactions  
7           and activities exempt from state taxes because they occur within the tribe's  
8           jurisdiction must also be subject to the tax under this subdivision by the tribe. The  
9           entire tax revenue from the tax imposed under this subdivision must be  
10           transferred to the state treasurer and paid to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.
- 11           c. May not be newly imposed except to be effective on the first day of a calendar  
12           quarter beginning at least ninety days after the imposition is approved by the  
13           governing body and notice is provided to the tax commissioner.
- 14           d. The provisions of chapter 57-39.2 pertaining to administration of the retail sales  
15           tax, including provisions for refunds, credits, retailer compensation, adoption of  
16           rules, and allocation and deposit of the state share of revenues, not in conflict  
17           with this chapter or federal law, must govern the administration of any tax subject  
18           to an agreement under this chapter.
- 19           3. The agreement must provide for an amount equal to three percent of the total amount  
20           collected, from the tribal taxes imposed under subdivisions a and b of subsection 2, to  
21           be allowed to the tax commissioner for collection and administration services to the  
22           Standing Rock Sioux Tribe government under this chapter. Any sums collected for  
23           services must be paid to the state treasurer for deposit in the general fund.
- 24           4. The tax revenue from taxable transactions and activities within the exterior boundaries  
25           of the Standing Rock Reservation within this state and subject to taxes imposed by the  
26           state or the tax imposed under subdivision a of subsection 2 is to be allocated eighty  
27           percent to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and twenty percent to this state. The tribal  
28           share of the tax allocated under this subdivision must be transferred to the state  
29           treasurer and paid to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. However, the tribal share paid to  
30           the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe under the agreement is limited to two million dollars

- 1           during a state biennium and any amount exceeding that limitation must be deposited  
2           by the state treasurer in the state general fund.
- 3        5.   The governing body of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe must agree not to impose any  
4           other taxes or any fee on transactions and activities subject to a sales, use, and gross  
5           receipts tax administered by the tax commissioner.
- 6        6.   The agreement must allow the tax commissioner to offset future distributions to the  
7           tribe if there was a previous overpayment of the tax distributed to the tribe.
- 8        7.   The tax commissioner must be given authority to administer and enforce within the  
9           exterior boundaries of the Standing Rock Reservation state and tribal taxes that are  
10          subject to an agreement authorized by this chapter.
- 11       8.   The federal district court for the western division of North Dakota is the venue for any  
12          dispute arising from an agreement under this chapter.
- 13       9.   The agreement must require that the governing body of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe  
14          report annually to the budget section of the legislative management and that the report  
15          identify projects totaling investment in essential infrastructure of at least ten percent of  
16          tribal receipts under the agreement for that year.
- 17       10.   Taxes imposed under chapters 11-09.1 and 40-05.1 are not subject to allocation under  
18          any agreement entered under the provisions of this chapter.

19        **57-39.8-03. Inapplicability of chapter 54-40.2.**

20        Chapter 54-40.2 does not apply to any agreement entered under this chapter.

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