

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

SENATE BILL NO. 2182
(Senators Nelson, Hacker, Heitkamp)
(Representatives Delmore, Dosch, Ruby)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 6-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to bank operations in the case of an epidemic or other emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 6-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Operations during epidemic or emergency - Notice to commissioner. A bank that operates physical facilities in any area that is experiencing an epidemic or other emergency may adjust the bank's operations in any manner that is reasonable to protect the bank's customers, employees, assets, or business. Under this section a bank may temporarily close or relocate offices, employees, or operations; restrict access to offices or services; and change the manner in which the bank provides banking services. A bank shall notify the commissioner of any actions the bank takes under the authority of this section. The bank shall give the commissioner notice promptly and in any case within three business days of the bank's decision to adjust the bank's operations. The notice must describe the bank's actions and the expected duration of the bank's adjusted operations. Unless extended by the commissioner, a bank's authority to change the bank's operations under this section may not exceed sixty days.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2182.

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 0 Absent 2

House Vote: Yeas 92 Nays 0 Absent 2

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2007.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2007.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2007,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State