

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Requested by Legislative Council**  
**01/16/2017**

Revised  
 Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1331

- 1 A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

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<b>Revenues</b>				\$900,000		\$900,000
<b>Expenditures</b>				\$3,081,250		\$3,081,250
<b>Appropriations</b>						

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- 2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

The proposed legislation would establish taking away private sewage disposal inspections and certifications from the District Health Units and forcing it upon the North Dakota State Plumbing Board.

- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

The North Dakota State Plumbing Board would have to hire inspectors and office staff; purchase vehicles, computers and equipment; find new office space; modify the new website and content management system, etc.; as well as incur all the other expenses associated with taking on a new regulatory division.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

\$450,000.00 PER YEAR

Currently, District Health Unit's permit and certification fees range between \$125.00 and \$400.00 to inspect and certify private sewage disposal systems. The estimate of revenue is based on an above average median fee of \$300.00 per private sewage disposal system with an estimated 1,500 disposal systems installed on a yearly average basis in North Dakota.

In order to balance the budget with expenditures and revenue, the North Dakota State Plumbing Board would have to charge an inspection and certification fee of \$1,029.51 for each private sewage disposal system.

B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

\$975,000.00 – Salaries and benefits for 13 inspectors  
\$150,00.00 - Salaries and benefits for 2 office staff  
\$14,400.00 – Additional Office space  
\$243,425.00 - Vehicle expenses  
\$3,000.00 – Office supplies  
\$6,500.00 – Printing  
\$5,000.00 – Postage  
\$18,800.00 – Cell phones (monthly fee)  
\$50,000.00 – Modification to website and content management system (IT Support)  
\$34,500.00 - Computers and cell phones  
\$5,000.00 – Risk Management insurance  
\$10,000.00 – Attorney fees and audit  
\$22,500.00 – Continuing education and training  
\$1,500.00 – Membership/subscription fees  
\$1,000.00 – Miscellaneous charges

\$1,540,625.00 per year or \$3,081,250.00 per biennium

C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

The proposed bill would force the North Dakota State Plumbing Board to incur a budget deficit of \$2,181,250.00 per biennium.

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**Agency:** North Dakota State Plumbing Board

**Telephone:** 701-220-4434

**Date Prepared:** 02/01/2017

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This bill was never brought to the attention of the North Dakota State Plumbing Board until after it was introduced and even after it's introduction, was only brought to the Board's attention by a source other than the sponsors.

- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

The North Dakota State Plumbing Board Plumbing Inspectors have no experience whatsoever in the the installation or inspection of private sewage disposal systems.

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- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

The North Dakota State Plumbing Board has no idea what the fiscal impact would be. The Board also has no idea how many inspectors would be needed or how many additional office staff would be required.

- B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

NA

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It is not possible to project the revenue on something that all the District Health Units are doing right now. Once again, the North Dakota State Plumbing Board knows absolutely nothing about private sewage disposal systems. Plumbing and private sewage disposal systems are two completely different disciplines.

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**2017 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**HB 1331**

# 2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Industry, Business and Labor Committee  
Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

HB 1331  
1/30/2017  
27582

- Subcommittee  
 Conference Committee

*Eileen Letang*

## Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Inspection of septic systems.

## Minutes:

Attachment 1, 2, 3

**Chairman Keiser:** Opens the hearing of HB 1331.

**1:20**

**Representative Brandenburg~District 28:** Introduces HB 1331. Plumbers understands the dealing with septic systems with qualified septic inspectors.

**4:00**

**Rep Lefor:** By the board, I assume the plumbing board.

**Rep Brandenburg:** Yes.

**Representative Jeff Magrum~District 28:** Attachment 1.

**13:30**

**Rep Bosch:** Has the plumbing board requested to be in charge of doing the inspections?

**Rep Magrum:** No, they haven't but I don't feel they are representing our plumbers right now.

**Chairman Keiser:** Do you know why the Health Dept acquired the inspections?

**Rep Magrum:** It slowly slipped away.

**Rep Ruby:** Have you seen the fiscal note & it's showing no effect. Are we going to have to hire people with experience for the cost if this bill passes?

**Rep Magrum:** I do believe that they could charge through the permitting system & let the builders who are doing the building.

**Rep Ruby:** Would that be consistent with the health dept, is that what you are thinking?

**Rep Magrum:** Yes.

**Rep Ruby:** Would you agree, that if this goes forward, that we should be requesting them to actually figure out how many they would need & what that cost will be? Also, what permit fees need to be charged, so we can see a revenue, expenditure & appropriation lines.

**Rep Magrum:** Yes, that would be a good idea to have a closer study on it to see what their numbers.

**Chairman Keiser:** On page 1, section 2, they must charge a fee in the bill.

**19:00**

**Ron Sorenson~Citizen:** An inspector, it would be a repair for an old system. Shows a form that plumbers have to fill out & send in. They have 2 signatures on the form signed by the homeowner & the installer, so they are not responsible. I have a problem with them to tell us how to do it. I'm in support of the plumbing board getting it back.

**Chairman Keiser:** What is your experience with the health board?

**Sorensen:** Gave an example of a problem with a health inspector. They don't really know what they are doing.

**Donna Magrum~Citizen:** My testimony is the fact that the plumbing board isn't experienced with septic.

**Chairman Keiser:** Is there anyone here to testify in support, opposition?

**Keith Johnson~RS Administrator, Custer Health:** Attachment 2.

**Rep Becker:** Were involved in creating the fiscal note or who made it?

**Johnson:** No I don't.

**Rep Lefor:** What is the training of the health department goes through, the education aspect of?

**Johnson:** My inspectors are certified. We use the Minnesota training because Minnesota has existing state training & we also have SORA training, which is national.

**Rep Ruby:** Do you do the inspections currently?

**Johnson:** Yes, I one of three.

**Rep Ruby:** Do you take soil samples.

**Johnson:** We use USDA soils maps, but if we think there is a problem, we take samples.

**Rep Ruby:** Talked about his experience with an inspector which presented a problem. How much are you dictating which system comes in?

**Johnson:** The new code being adopted is performance based, it's not descriptive.

**Rep Ruby:** Continues to explain his experience with a septic system put in.

**Johnson:** I would like to discuss this with you but I don't want to take the time of the committee.

**Brent Beechie~ND Plumbing Board:** We had no idea this bill was coming in. *Attachment 3*

**46:45**

**Chairman Keiser:** Anyone else here opposition, neutral position? Closes the hearing. Plumbing board, we need the right fiscal note,

**Beechie:** Do we include employment & everything?

**Chairman Keiser:** Yes.



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*Ellen Letang*

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**Chairman Keiser:** Opens the hearing of HB 1331.

**Chairman Keiser:** The committee have any questions for the plumbing board.

**Rep O'Brien:** Did we get a different fiscal note.

**Beechie:** No.

**Chairman Keiser:** Is it big?

**Beechie:** Very big.

**Rep Ruby:** Would there be a significant difference if it did need to include areas in extra-territorial zone of the city & let the city continue doing those?

**Beechie:** I honestly don't know.

**Chairman Keiser:** What are the wishes of the committee?

**Rep Bosch:** Moves a Do Not Pass.

**Rep C Johnson:** Second.

**Chairman Keiser:** The health department is working on making their work more efficient & consistent across the state. They don't want to change; you don't want to change & there is a big fiscal note. I do support the Do Not Pass.

**Roll call was taken for a Do Not Pass on HB 1331 with 12 yes, 1 no, 1 absent & Rep O'Brien is the carrier.**

Date: Jan 31, 2017

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1331

House \_\_\_\_\_ Industry, Business and Labor \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation

- Adopt Amendment
- Do Pass  Do Not Pass  Without Committee
- Recommendation
- As Amended  Rerefer to Appropriations
- Place on Consent Calendar
- Other Actions  Reconsider  \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Made By Rep Bosch Seconded By Rep Johnson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Keiser	X		Rep Laning	X	
Vice Chairman Sukut	X		Rep Lefor	Ab	
Rep Beadle	X		Rep Louser	X	
Rep R Becker	X		Rep O'Brien	X	
Rep Bosch	X		Rep Ruby		X
Rep C Johnson	X		Rep Boschee	X	
Rep Kasper	X		Rep Dobervich	X	

Total (Yes) 12 No 1

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep O'Brien

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1331: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Keiser, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO NOT PASS** (12 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
HB 1331 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**2017 TESTIMONY**

**HB 1331**

# NORTH DAKOTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE CAPITOL  
600 EAST BOULEVARD  
BISMARCK, ND 58505-0360



**COMMITTEES:**  
Judiciary  
Agriculture

**Representative Jeffery J. Magrum**

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HB 1331

01/30/17

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee.

For the record I am Jeff Magrum representing dist. #28, south central north Dakota. East of Mary College to Ellendale.

I am here to introduce HB 1331 which simply places the authority of inspecting septic systems back under the North Dakota State Plumbing Board .

When I became a licensed plumber the plumbing board had the authority over septic systems. As our government continues to grow this has slowly gotten out of control. Now this issue has become a very inefficient process leading to much frustration in the full service plumbing community. We had one licence fee of approximately 65\$ . Now to do the same work I have the following fee's.

Central Valley Health / Jamestown	\$75
Custer health/ Mandan /dropped	\$100 ??
Bismarck city bond	\$162.50
Bismarck plbg .bond	\$250
N.D. state plbg. Board	\$165
N.D. sec. of state. / class A contractor lic. renewal	\$90
N.D.environmental Health class /cont.ed / two day class	\$30
N.D. state plbg board cont. ed class three hours	??
Sanitary pumper permit/ new fee ,was included in our plbg.lic.	
Fee until last session.	\$150

Total

\$1022.50

This doesn't account for the time and mileage attending class.

The governing authorities also have permitting authority for the property owners of which us plumbers are unpaid bill collectors.

The NDSPB is responsible now for sewer and water contractors licensing now as well as plumbers, although they provide very little inspection.

The plumbers and sewer and water contractors design, bid ,install and warranty their product and take care of the permit and documentation working with and for our customers. All we ask for is a qualified and licenced third party inspector to work with us to help assure a quality product for the consumers.

Our Republican party and our state government is committed to a smaller more efficient government. This is a golden opportunity to shrink govt. and improve its efficiency. at the time we need it the most..

Chairman Keiser and committee members I ask you to please do pass HB 1331 .

I will stand for questions.

From: Erich Schock schocky75@hotmail.com

Date: Jan 29, 2017, 9:21:05 AM

To: Magrum, Jeffery jmagrum@nd.gov

**CAUTION:** This email originated from an outside source. Do not click links or open attachments unless you know they are safe.

Dear congressmen,

My name is Erich Schock owner and operator of Erich's excavating of Ashley. I am writing this letter with the hopes of getting our septic system rules and regulations back into the control of the state plumbing board.

Since we have had to be licensed in the state only once has the health dept. been on site during an installation.

As we all know each installation is different because of the variables that come into effect. Number of occupants, age of occupants, landscape of site, soil types, location of well, property lines, water ways and lakes.

I would like the opportunity to contact someone with questions and advice that has had personal experience in the institution of septic systems.

Right now we are working with young people with no personal experience.

When a garage gets built and a bathroom is added. With no laundry, dishwasher, bath/shower. The size septic tank is 1000 gallon. A three bed home with a family with all amenities requires a 1000 gallon septic ???

We need to drop the Wisconsin/Minnesota laws we adopted and create our own. Using north Dakota logic.

More and more regulations is not the answer. By staying with North Dakota common sense I believe we will remain the great state we have always been.

Recently I talked with one of the health department gals and told her the last 14 years of installing septic systems I have had to go back and do modifications to only two. I asked her since she has been employed there working on these systems how many have been installed to code and have already failed? She did not respond.

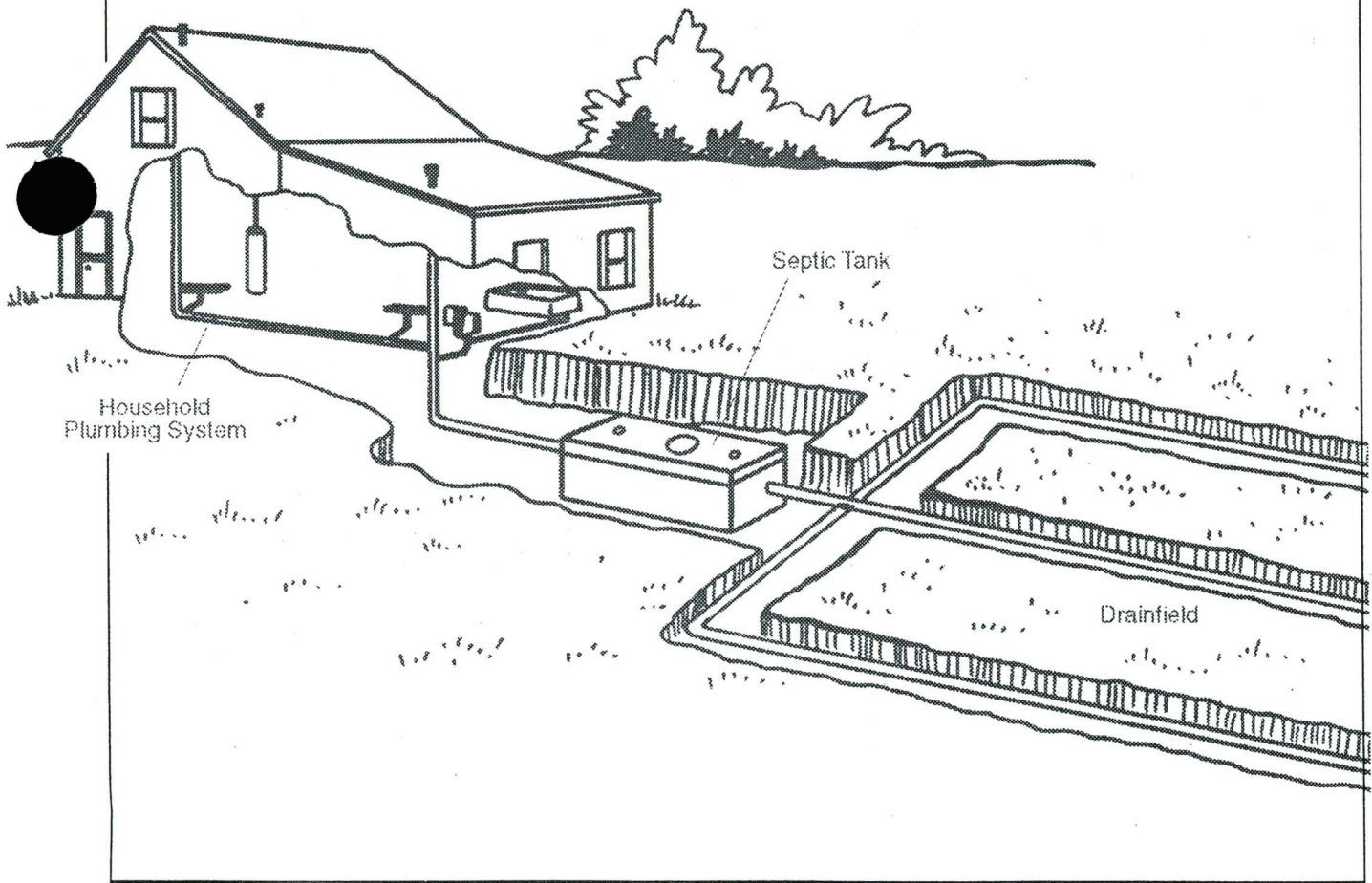
Sewer systems are one of the most challenging projects I deal with and personally feel that putting this back into the state plumbing board would be more beneficial to me in getting more answers and advice.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely Erich Schock

# Individual Home Sewage Treatment Systems

Thomas F. Scherer  
Extension Agricultural Engineer







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**Central Valley Health District**

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- Emergency Preparedness & Response
- Environmental Health
- Family Planning
- Nursing
- School Nursing
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners
- Tobacco Prevention
- Women, Infant, & Children (WIC)
- Women's Way
- Partnership for Success
- Community Health Improvement Project
- Logan County Office
- Are You Prepared?  
An Emergency Guide for Logan County
- Are You Prepared?  
An Emergency Guide for Stutsman County

## Environmental Health

[Body Art and Tattoo Facilities](#) | [Child Care and Group Home Facilities](#) | [Non-Community Water Supply](#)  
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The mission of the Environmental Health Division is to protect human health and the environment through prevention of disease, injury, and illness by the promotion of scientific evidence based practices and education.

Central Valley Health provides environmental health services and education in Southeast Central North Dakota for the following counties: Barnes, Dickey, Foster, LaMoure, Logan, McIntosh, Stutsman, and Wells.

All licensed facility inspections completed by CVHD are a matter of public record. Please complete the [Open Records Request Form](#) to request copies of the facility's inspection report(s).

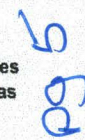
If you would like to submit a complaint regarding a facility please complete and submit the [Complaint Form](#).

### Program Contact Information

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**The Environmental Health Division provides services and education in a variety of areas including:**

- Air Quality**
- [NDDoH Air Quality](#)  
(including Asbestos, Lead, Mold, Radon)
- [CDC Air Pollution & Respiratory Health](#)
- [OSHA Indoor Air Quality](#)
- Water Quality**
- [NDDoH Water Quality](#)
- [Certified Labs](#)
- [NDSU Water Quality](#)
- [Well Disinfection](#)
- [NDSU A Guide to Plugging Abandoned Well](#)
- [EPA Private Wells](#)
- [Online Training for Homeowners with Water Wells](#)
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- [NDDoH Waste Management](#)
- [OSHA Hazardous Waste](#)
- [EPA Wastes](#)
- Insect & Vermin**
- [NDDoH West Nile Virus](#)
- [NDDoH Rabies](#)
- [Tick Encounter Resource Center](#)
- Nuisance Complaints**
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- [Central Ohio Bed Bug Task Force](#)
- Housing Safety & Sanitation**
- [NDDoH Flood Cleanup Health and Safety Information](#)
- [League of Cities Guide to Abandoned Buildings](#)
- [Open Burning/Demolish Buildings](#)
- Resources**
- [ND Department of Health - Environmental Health](#)
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**Central Valley Health District**

**Prevent. Promote. Protect.**



**Central Valley Health District  
122 2nd St NW, Jamestown ND 58401**

DATE 4/6/2016  
LICENSE NO. SI 13

**Septic Installer License**

THE BELOW NAMED IS LICENSED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 62-03.1-03 OF THE NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 23-35 OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF CVHD REGULATION #2 TO INSTALL SEPTCI SYSTEMS IN THE SOUTHEAST CENTRAL REGION OF NORTH DAKOTA. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE REGULATIONS MAY RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION OF THIS LICENSE.

MAGRUM EXCAVATING

Jeff Magrum  
263 MAIN ST

Hazelton ND 58544

POST IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE

EXPIRES: 12/31/2015

Individual Sewage Systems  
Planning Worksheet

Office Use Only
Forwarded to EH Staff _____
Reviewed by EH Staff _____
Date _____

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The Code of Ordinances provides for the installation of 350 square feet of drainfield per bedroom when installing an individual sewage system. The installation must comply with the provisions of Chapter 62-03.1-03 of the North Dakota State Plumbing Code. This worksheet is intended to assist you with planning requirements for installation of such a system.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of bedrooms, including proposed in the home \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number of bedrooms shall be consistent with house plans submitted for building permit)

Size of Septic Tank \_\_\_\_\_ gallons operating capacity;

Trench material \_\_\_\_\_  
(Trench cannot exceed four feet in depth and individual runs shall not exceed 100 feet. Installation must comply with manufacture's recommendation for the specific trench material used.)

Trench width \_\_\_\_\_ feet

Report for a soil testing agency/soil classifier indicating the testing for presence of soil mottling or water table pursuant to Section 62-03.1-03-09 of the North Dakota State Plumbing Code.

Septic System Permit can be billed to: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or P.O. Box)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, Zip Code)

Distances:  
Between home and septic tank \_\_\_\_\_ feet  
Septic system and property line \_\_\_\_\_ feet  
Between well and septic system \_\_\_\_\_ feet  
Unique characteristics of the lot (explain, be specific)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Prepared by \_\_\_\_\_ (Contractor, Homeowner). Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by the Department of Fire & Inspections  
221 N 5<sup>th</sup> St, Bismarck ND 58501

- Worksheet complete
- Soil test report complete

The acceptance of this report is not to imply the certification or guarantee of the operation of the individual sewage system.

BISMARCK FIRE AND INSPECTIONS  
1020 E CENTRAL AVENUE  
BISMARCK, ND 58501-1936

Name of owner \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Description \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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*SEPTIC SYSTEM DESIGN*

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↑NORTH

**Well Location**  
**Show detail, dimensions & distances**

Return within 30 days to:  
Bismarck Fire & Inspections  
1020 E. Central Av  
Bismarck ND 58501-1936

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House Bill 1114

The North Dakota State Plumbing Board (NDSPB) would like to raise license fees for sewer and water contractors and plumbers doing work in the State of North Dakota. The proposed bill would also increase exam fees and license renewal late fees. The NDSPB has been operating under a budget deficit for 2 years now. Our budget cycle runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. As with many other boards, commissions, and agencies, the NDSPB receives no funding from the states general fund. The majority of our revenue comes from License fees and license renewal fees.

In our ~~2014-2015 budget cycle we had a \$ 35,300 dollar budget deficit.~~ The 2015-2016 budget cycle showed a \$ 126,800 dollar budget deficit. Our estimated budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 shows

A \$ 158,000 dollar budget deficit. The 5 members of the NDSPB have been very frugal over the years, and only now after more than 2 years of budget deficits have they given me approval

to request a license fee increase. ~~The sewer and water license fees have never been increased since their licensing law went into effect in 1987 (30 years).~~ Apprentice plumber license fees have also not been raised in 30 years, and journeyman and master plumbers license fees have not been raised since 1992 (25 years).

The projected revenue increases, which have been added up for you on the fiscal note, was formulated using the amount of current plumbers and sewer and water contractors we presently have now. A lot of contractors are from out of state, and we anticipate a sizable amount of those contractors will not be renewing their licensure as the work load has decreased in North Dakota, especially in western North Dakota. This bill would also give the 5 members of the NDSPB the authority to lower the license, exam, and late fees by motion as they see fit.

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The proposed legislation would establish the fee and fee cap on license, late and exam fees thereby allowing the North Dakota State Plumbing Board to reasonably increase fees through the administrative rules process, if needed.

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The North Dakota State Plumbing Board depends on license fees for the majority of its income each fiscal year. We receive no appropriations from the state budget. Licenses fees for Apprentice Plumbers have not been increased since 1987. License fees for Master and Journeyman plumbers have not been increased since 1992. License fees for Sewer and Water individuals have not been increased since 1987.

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The proposed increase to license, exam and late fees are based on the current number of licensees times the difference between the current fee amount and the proposed fee amount. The fees can be increased up to the cap amount through the administrative rules process. The breakdown is as follows:

**PROPOSED FEE AMOUNTS**

Plumber License Fees  
 Master - 796 x \$60.00 = \$47,760.00  
 Journeyman - 797 x \$50.00 = \$39,850.00  
 5th Year Apprentice – 190 x \$50.00 = \$9,500.00  
 4th Year Apprentice – 99 x \$20.00 = \$1,980.00  
 3rd Year Apprentice – 125 x \$20.00 = \$2,500.00  
 2nd Year Apprentice – 131 x \$20.00 = \$2,620.00  
 1st Year Apprentice – 333 x \$20.00 = \$6,660.00

Total Increase - \$110,870.00

**Sewer and Water License Fees**

Sewer and Water Contractor - 403 x \$100.00 = \$40,300.00  
Sewer and Water Installer - 268 x \$100.00 = \$26,800.00  
Sewer and Water Apprentice over 3400 - 74 x \$100 = \$7,400.00  
Sewer and Water Apprentice under 3400 - 118 x 100 = \$11,800.00  
Total Increase- \$86,300.00

**Plumber Exam and Late Fees**

Master Exam - 55 x \$10.00 = \$550.00  
Journeyman Exam - 89 x \$10.00 = \$890.00  
Master Late - 50 x \$10.00 = \$500.00  
Journeyman Late - 90 x \$10.00 = \$900.00  
Total Increase- \$2840.00

**Sewer and Water Exam Fees and Late Fees**

Sewer and Water Contractor Exam - 20 x \$45.00 = \$900.00  
Sewer and Water Installer Exam - 14 x \$35.00 = \$490.00  
Sewer and Water Contractor Late - 47 x \$45.00 = \$2,115.00  
Sewer and Water Installer Late - 41 x \$35.00 = \$1,435.00  
Total Increase - \$4,940.00

Anticipated Additional Revenue - \$204,950.00

**PROPOSED FEE CAP AMOUNTS**

**Plumbers**

Master - \$325.00  
Journeyman - \$225.00  
5th Year Apprentice - \$225.00  
4th Year Apprentice - \$110.00  
3rd Year Apprentice - \$100.00  
2nd Year Apprentice - \$90.00  
1st Year Apprentice - \$80.00

**Sewer and Water Individuals**

Sewer and Water Contractor - \$300.00  
Sewer and Water Installer - \$225.00  
Sewer and Water Apprentice over 3400 - \$225.00  
Sewer and Water Apprentice under 3400 - \$200.00

**Plumber Exam and Late Fees**

Master Exam - \$65.00  
Journeyman Exam - \$55.00  
Master Late - \$65.00  
Journeyman Late - \$55.00

**Sewer and Water Individuals Exam Fees and Late Fees**

Sewer and Water Contractor Exam - \$65.00  
Sewer and Water Installer Exam - \$55.00  
Sewer and Water Contractor Late - \$65.00  
Sewer and Water Installer Late - \$55.00

- B. **Expenditures:** Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION  
 Gold Seal Center, 918 E. Divide Ave  
 Bismarck, ND 58501-1947  
 701.328.5200 (fax)  
 www.ndhealth.gov  
 www.ndhealth.gov



October 5, 2016

Magrum Excavating & Plumbing Co.  
 PO Box 467  
 Hazelton, ND 58544

RE: Septic Pumper Permit

Dear Magrum Excavating & Plumbing Co.:

The Department has received your completed application for renewal of your septic pumper permit(s) for the upcoming year. Included in your correspondence was the completed application packet along with the required fee associated with the septic pumper permit renewal. Enclosed is your pumper permit(s) for the 2016 season.

Should you have any questions, please contact Marty Haroldson at 701.328.5234 or Sarah Waldron at 701.328.5237.

Sincerely,

Septic Servicing Program  
 Division of Water Quality

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**SANITARY PUMPER PERMIT**  
 NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
 SFN 8321 (7-87)

Customer Copy

EMMONS	No. 447
Issued to:	Issue Date:
Magrum Excavating & Plumbing Co.	10/5/2016
Address:	Expiration Date:
PO Box 467	12/31/2016
City, State, Zip Code:	Fee Paid:
Hazelton ND 58544	\$150.00

The above person is issued this permit to engage in the servicing of septic or holding tanks, privies, or portable restrooms.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

*Ken Lock*

NDCC 61-28

Environmental Health  
 Section Chief's Office  
 701-328-5150

Division of  
 Air Quality  
 701-328-5188

Division of  
 Municipal Facilities  
 701-328-5211

Division of  
 Waste Management  
 701-328-5166

Division of  
 Water Quality  
 701-328-5210



**PLUMBING INSTALLATION CERTIFICATE**  
 NORTH DAKOTA STATE PLUMBING BOARD  
 SFN 19307 (10-2012)

North Dakota State Plumbing Board  
 1110 College Drive, Suite 210  
 Bismarck, ND 58501  
 701-328-9977 701-328-9979 (Fax)  
 ndplumb@nd.gov

Number **12244**

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I hereby certify that the plumbing installation and fixtures described below shall be installed by me, as a licensed plumber, or by licensed plumbers or apprentices under my supervision in accordance with Chapter 43-18 of the North Dakota Century Code and State Plumbing Code.

Plumbing Contractor	Master Plumber Name		License Number
Mailing Address	City	Telephone Number	Cell Phone Number
Project Name	Physical Address		City
Owner's Name	Job Site Location (Directions or Map)		

SCHEDULE OF PLUMBING FIXTURES (Number of each)				SCHEDULE OF FEES		Number	Each	Total
Tub/Shower		Service Sink		Issuing Certificate		1	@ \$35.00	\$35.00
Lavatory		Dental Unit		Plumbing Fixtures (from schedule at left)			@ \$ 4.00	
Kitchen Sink		Clinic Sinks		Roof Drain			@ \$ 4.00	
Clothes Washer		Drinking Fountain		Sewage Ejector			@ \$ 4.00	
Laundry Sink		Floor Drain		Water Heater			@ \$ 5.00	
Water Closet		Garage Drain		Water Treatment Equipment			@ \$ 4.00	
Urinal		Area Way Drain		Backflow Protection Device (Testable)			@ \$ 5.00	
Bar/Hand Sink		Interceptor		<b>TOTAL FEE *</b>				
3-Compartment Sink		Separator		<p>The Master Plumber responsible for the installation shall execute this certificate with copies going to those listed below under "Distribution".</p> <p>It shall be the duty of the person doing the work to notify the Plumbing Board not less than 24 hours before the work is to be inspected.</p> <p>Re-inspection will be charged at \$50.00 per hour, plus travel expense.</p> <p><b>* Must accompany certificate.</b> (If work has commenced prior to notification or submittal of certificate, the fee will be double or actual cost incurred to investigate.)</p>				
Future Fixture (Specify)								
Other (Specify)								

**Type of Building**

<input type="checkbox"/> Single Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Mercantile	<input type="checkbox"/> Institutional
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/Motel	<input type="checkbox"/> Assembly
<input type="checkbox"/> Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	

<b>Inspector Comments:</b>	Master Plumber Signature	Date
	Inspector Signature	Date

Distribution: White - Plumbing Board      Copying Owner      Pink - Plumbing Co

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXAM APPLICANTS:

The following items must be submitted together as a packet BEFORE your application will be processed. If information received is incomplete, the application will be returned AND you may be required to pay a reapplication fee.

Our requirements include, but are not limited to, electrical construction work being done in a jurisdiction regulating similar licensing and inspection rules of the State of North Dakota.

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### RE-EXAM CHECKLIST: (Submit once your waiting period has passed)

- Application for Electrician's License (4 page document)
  - Complete the first page of the application, sign & date at bottom --- List current employer on second page.
- Enclose application fee – non refundable
  - \$50 Master, \$25 Journeyman, or \$40 Class B

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### MASTER EXAM CHECKLIST:

- \$50 Application fee – nonrefundable – Payable to: NDSEB, PO Box 7335, Bismarck, ND 58507
- Application for Electrician's License (4 page document)
  - Work history must be completed that includes: minimum of 10,000 hours
    - **Note: If self-employed need to complete prior work history.**
- Notarized "ND State Electrical Board Electrical Employment Verification Record"
  - Employment Verification Record required from each employer to verify and satisfy minimum hours of experience. (make copies as needed)
    - **NOTE:** Employment Verification Record must be completed by employer and signed by a licensed Master Electrician.
    - **NOTE:** Union Records/Letters, Social Security Records, other states verification forms, employer letters, etc. are not accepted as verification records.
    - **NOTE:** Must include the required list of jobs/hours with inspection and licensing information.
    - **Self-Employment Instructions: (complete prior work history on application for minimum hours)**
      - To be considered please submit additional information to be reviewed.
        - Letters on official letterhead from the electrical inspector/governmental authority that have inspected the projects you've completed and explain what the requirements are for licensing, permit and inspection processes where you've completed work. (Minimum 10,000 hours)

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### JOURNEYMAN EXAM CHECKLIST:

- \$25 Application fee – nonrefundable - Payable to: NDSEB, PO Box 7335, Bismarck, ND 58507
- Application for Electrician's License (4 page document)
  - Work history must be completed that includes: minimum of 8,000 hours
- Notarized "ND State Electrical Board Electrical Employment Verification Record"
  - Employment Verification Record required from each employer to verify and satisfy minimum hours of experience. (make copies as needed)
    - **NOTE:** Employment Verification Record must be completed by employer and signed by a licensed Master Electrician.
    - **NOTE:** Union Records/Letters, Social Security Records, other states verification forms, employer letters, etc. are not accepted as verification records.
    - **NOTE:** Must include the required list of jobs/hours with inspection and licensing information.
- Additional requirement for North Dakota Registered Apprentices:
  - **Official Sealed Transcript** – if a graduate of electrical trade school approved by the State Electrical Board (keep in mind this is not an inclusive list: MSCTC, NCTC, NDSCS, Dunwoody Institute, Hibbing Community, Mitchell Technical Institute, Western Dakota Technical Institute)
  - **Apprenticeship Training Completion Certificate** (required if registered after January 31, 2008)

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### CLASS B EXAM CHECKLIST:

- Application fee – nonrefundable - Payable to: NDSEB, PO Box 7335, Bismarck, ND 58507
- Application for Electrician's License (4 page document)
  - Work history must be completed that includes: minimum of 3,000 hours of farmstead or residential wiring only.
- Notarized "ND State Electrical Board Electrical Employment Verification Record"
  - Employment Verification Record required from each employer to verify and satisfy minimum hours of experience.
    - **NOTE:** Employment Verification Record must be completed by employer and signed by a licensed Master Electrician.

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# Renew Your Nursing License

10/13/2016

## **Renewal for Active Licenses (expire 12/31 of the current year)**

*Online renewal for licenses that expire 12/31 of the current year is available between October and December of the current year.*

## **RENEW YOUR LICENSE HERE**

### ***Renewal Fees***

- LPN = \$110
- RN = \$120
- Specialty Practice RN = \$170
- Advanced Practice RN = \$160
- Advanced Practice RN with RX authority = \$210
- Advanced Practice license ONLY (when you have your RN license in another compact state) = \$40
- Advanced Practice with RX authority ONLY (when you have your RN license in another compact state)= \$90
- Specialty Practice license ONLY (when you have your RN license in another compact state) = \$50

### ***Information you will need for renewal***

- First and Last Name as we currently have in our records
- Social Security Number
- RN/LPN License Number
- Number of hours worked in the current year and previous year. Have the hours separated out between the two years.
- Payment Method

(701) 328-9641 - Phone

(701) 328-9647 - Fax

[espbinfo@nd.gov](mailto:espbinfo@nd.gov)

[ESPB Map](#)

## Licensure

### Licensing Fees

The Education and Standards Practices Board does not receive any state tax dollars and carries out its mandated duties using the license fees provided by North Dakota educators. Our profession has the authority to set the rules and regulations for educators but then also has the responsibility of providing the funding.

Initial Application Fee	\$30
Fingerprinting	\$44.50
Interim Substitute License	\$40
Initial In State 2 Year License	\$70
2 Year Renewal License	\$50
Out-of-State Reciprocal License	\$70
5 Year License	\$125
30 Year Life License	\$125
Re-entry License	\$70
Alternate Access License	\$150
Probationary License	\$50
40 Day Provisional License	\$25
Transcript Review (only applies to individuals who graduated from institutions outside of ND and do not hold a valid teaching license in another state.)	\$175
Endorsements	\$75
Duplicate License Request	\$20
<b>OSEL FEES – only applies to those with an OSEL license (Other State Educator License)</b>	
Initial 2 year OSEL	\$70
2 Year OSEL	\$70
5 Year OSEL	\$175

Jan 30, 2017

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**HB1331**

**Testimony in Opposition**

**Keith Johnson, RS**

**Administrator, Custer Health** [keith.johnson@custerhealth.com](mailto:keith.johnson@custerhealth.com)

1. First, the good news – This bill sounds like a call for uniform enforcement of onsite sewage laws statewide. If that is true, there is an existing group of people already working on this, and we are close to accomplishing that. All the local health units in the state have committed to adopting a uniform code within their jurisdictions. We are working on the final draft of that code, and will begin adoptions this year.
2. Now, the bad news – We also had the idea of having a state agency adopt this code and be responsible for its enforcement. We brought bills to the last 3 legislative sessions to place responsibility for the onsite sewer program within State Health, with the locals doing the inspection and permitting for private systems. Those bills failed in each of the last 3 sessions because state agencies can't run the program without FTEs, and those were not forthcoming. The bill for taking on the program at state health stood at \$400,000 last session.
3. The State Plumbing Board does not want this program, not even with extra FTEs. In the last three years, they have taken steps to remove themselves from enforcement of the existing code, anticipating an eventual move to State Health or to the locals.
4. If you want to amend this bill to have state health take over the program, that would be great. But, along with it, you will need to authorize 2 FTEs to be hired and an associated budget. That said, we think we will accomplish the goals of this bill without spending more state money. We still hope to place the program with state health some time in the future when the state can afford it.

Jan 30, 2017

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**Brent Beechie**

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**From:** Kelly [kjbeechie@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 6:59 PM  
**To:** bbeechie@nd.gov  
**Subject:** HB 1331

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HB 1331

The North Dakota State Plumbing Board (NDSPB) is not interested at all in doing private sewage disposal system (PSDS) design or inspections. We do not have the inspectors to do it, we do not have the office staff to do it, and more importantly we do not have the knowledge or experience in designing or inspecting septic tanks and drain field systems. Designing and inspecting plumbing and designing and inspecting private sewage disposal systems are two completely different disciplines. It also would make no sense for the NDSPB to manage PSDS design and inspections being done all across North Dakota by local and district health units right now. The district health units (DHU) in ND are Upper Missouri DHU out of Williston, Southwest DHU out of Dickinson, Custer DHU out of Mandan, First District health unit out of Minot, Lake Region DHU out of Devils Lake, Central Valley DHU out of Jamestown, Grand Forks County, Burleigh County, and Fargo-Cass DHU. These local and district health units have been working together for almost the last two years on creating one PSDS code for the entire state, one licensure for ND with reciprocity amongst all health units, and reciprocal continuing education program across the state.

The local, county, and district health unit employees that are inspecting PSDS are environmental health specialists, they sample, test, and know the soil types in their area. They also design systems in their area with regard to terrain, ground water levels, and take many other criteria into account when designing and inspecting these systems.

The North Dakota State Plumbing Board does not wish to make itself a bigger State government entity, with more regulatory authority, especially in a specialized area that we know nothing about.

Brent Beechie. North Dakota State Plumbing Board

Sent from my iPad