Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1473

Introduced by

Representative D. Ruby

1	A BILL for an Act to amend	d and reenact subs	section 19 of sec	ction 5-01-01.	sections 5-01-14.
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- 2 5-01-16, 5-01-17, and 5-01-19, subsections 4 and 5 of section 5-01-21, and sections 5-03-05,
- 3 5-03-06, 5-03-09, and 57-39.6-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the removal of
- 4 a requirement for persons engaged in the wholesale sale and delivery of alcoholic beverages to
- 5 collect alcoholic beverages wholesale taxes, and an increase in the alcoholic beverages gross
- 6 receipts tax on all sales of alcoholic beverages; to repeal sections 5-03-04 and 5-03-07, relating
- 7 to the elimination of alcoholic beverage wholesale taxes; and to provide an effective date.

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

- 9 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 19 of section 5-01-01 of the North Dakota Century 10 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
- 11 19. "Twenty-one years of age" means it is after eight a.m. on the date twenty-one years after a person's an individual's date of birth.
- SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 5-01-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
- 15 5-01-14. Microbrew pubs Licensing Taxes.

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A microbrew pub shall obtain a brewer license and a retailer license as required under this title. A microbrew pub may manufacture on the licensed premises, store, transport, sell to wholesale malt beverage licensees, and export no more than ten thousand barrels of malt beverages annually; sell malt beverages manufactured on the licensed premises; and sell alcoholic beverages regardless of source to consumers for consumption on the microbrew pub's licensed premises. A microbrew pub may not engage in any wholesaling activities. All sales and delivery of malt beverages to any other retail licensed premises may be made only through a wholesale malt beverage licensee. Beer manufactured on the licensed premises and sold by a microbrew pub directly to the consumer for consumption on or off the premises is subject to the

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- 1 taxes imposed pursuant to section 5-03-07, in addition to any other taxes imposed on brewers-
- 2 and retailers. A microbrew pub is subject to section 5-03-06 and chapter 57-39.6 and is required
- 3 to file a monthly sales report with the tax commissioner by the fifteenth day of the month
- 4 following the month in which the sales are made. The report must be prepared and submitted in
- 5 a form and manner as prescribed by the tax commissioner. A microbrew pub is not precluded
- 6 from retailing beer it purchases from a wholesaler. Complimentary samples of beer may not be
- 7 in an amount exceeding sixteen ounces [.47 liter] per patron. Licenses under this section entitle
- 8 the microbrew pub to sell beer manufactured on the premises for off-premises consumption, in
- 9 brewery-sealed containers of not less than one-half gallon [1.89 liters] and not more than three
- 10 gallons [11.36 liters]. This section may not be superseded under chapters 11-09.1 and 40-05.1.
- 11 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 5-01-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended 12 and reenacted as follows:

5-01-16. Direct sale from out-of-state person to consumer - Penalty.

- A person in the business of selling alcoholic beverages may not knowingly or intentionally ship, or cause to be shipped, any alcoholic beverage from an out-of-state location directly to a person in this state who is not a licensed wholesaler in this state.
- A person in the business of transporting goods may not knowingly or intentionally transport, or cause to be transported, any alcoholic beverage directly to a person in this state who is not a licensed wholesaler in this state.
- 3. For a first violation of subsection 1 or 2, the tax commissioner shall notify, by certified—mail, the person and order that person to cease and desist any shipment of alcoholic beverages in violation of subsection 1 or 2 and shall assess a civil penalty of one hundred dollars for each illegal shipment. For a second violation of subsection 1 or 2, the tax commissioner shall assess a civil penalty of two hundred dollars for each illegal shipment. For any subsequent violation of subsection 1 or 2, the tax commissioner shall assess a civil penalty of five hundred dollars for each illegal shipment.
- 4. The alcoholic beverage transported in violation of this section and the vehicle used in violation of this section are forfeitable property under chapter 29-31.1.
- 5. This section does not apply to a transaction by a person holding a valid manufacturer's or retailer's license issued by the state of its domicile and if the person obtains a direct shipping license from and on a form prescribed by the tax commissioner before

- making a shipment. The annual fee for a direct shipping license is fifty dollars.

 Licensed direct shippers may sell and ship to an individual twenty-one years of age or older 7.13 gallons [27 liters] or less of wine, two hundred eighty-eight fluid ounces [8517.18 milliliters] or less of beer, or 2.38 gallons [9 liters] or less of any other alcoholic beverages per month for personal use and not for resale.
 - a. A direct shipper shall ship all containers of alcoholic beverages shipped directly to a resident of an individual in this state using a licensed alcohol carrier and may cause the alcoholic beverages to be shipped by a licensed logistics company.
 - b. A direct shipper shall label all containers of alcoholic beverages shipped directly to an individual in this state with conspicuous words "SIGNATURE OF PERSON AGE 21 OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY".
 - c. A licensed direct shipper shall file a report and pay the wholesaler excise tax and retailer sales taxes towith the tax commissioner on all alcoholic beverages sold to residents in this state at the rates set forth in sections 5-03-07 and 57-39.6-02and is subject to section 5-03-06. The excise tax reports are due January fifteenth of the year following the year sales and shipments were made. When the fifteenth day of January falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the due date is the first working day thereafter. The report must provide such detail and be in a format as prescribed by the tax commissioner and include the identification of any logistics or fulfillment houses the licensee used for suchthe shipments. The sales and use tax reports are due as set forth in chapter 57-39.6. The sales and use tax reports must be in a format as prescribed by the tax commissioner. The tax commissioner may require that the report be submitted in an electronic format approved by the tax commissioner.
 - d. A licensed direct shipper is subject to the gross receipts tax on alcoholic beverages sold into this state under section 57-39.6-02.
 - e. All alcoholic beverages that are shipped directly to a resident of an individual in this state must be properly registered with the federal alcohol and tobacco tax and trade bureau and must be owned by the licensed direct shipper.
 - A licensed alcohol carrier may ship alcoholic beverages into, out of, or within this state.
 A licensed alcohol carrier shall pay an annual fee of one hundred dollars and obtain a

- license on an application form provided by the tax commissioner and subject to any
 requirements determined by the tax commissioner.
 - a. A licensed alcohol carrier shall ensure all containers of alcoholic beverages shipped directly to an individual in this state are labeled with conspicuous words "SIGNATURE OF PERSON AGE 21 OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY". A licensed alcohol carrier may not deliver alcoholic beverages to a personan individual under twenty-one years of age, or to a personan individual who is or appears to be in an intoxicated state or condition. A licensed alcohol carrier shall obtain valid proof of identity and age before delivery and shall obtain the signature of an adult as a condition of delivery.
 - b. A licensed alcohol carrier is subject to section 5-03-06 and shall maintain records of alcoholic beverages shipped into, out of, or within this state which include the name of the licensed direct shipper, the name of any licensed logistics shipper, the date of each shipment, the recipient's name and address, and an electronic or paper form of signature from the recipient of the alcoholic beverages. A licensed alcohol carrier shall submit a report to the tax commissioner on a monthly basis in the form and format prescribed by the tax commissioner. The report is due on the last day of the month following the month of shipment. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the due date is the first working day after the due date. The tax commissioner may require that the report be submitted in an electronic format approved by the tax commissioner.
 - c. If the tax commissioner has provided notice to a licensed alcohol carrier that a direct shipper is not licensed, the licensed alcohol carrier mustshall notify the direct shipper that the direct shipper must obtain a direct shipper permit before tendering packages to the licensed alcohol carrier for delivery. Any assessed penalty may be waived by the tax commissioner for good cause upon request by the licensed alcohol carrier.
 - Licensed logistics shippers mustshall obtain a logistics shipping license from the tax commissioner and shall pay an annual fee of one hundred dollars before making or causing a shipment.

- a. A licensed logistics shipper shall ensure all containers of alcoholic beverages
 shipped directly to an individual in this state are labeled with conspicuous words
 "SIGNATURE OF PERSON AGE 21 OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY".
 - b. All containers of alcoholic beveragebeverages shipped directly to a residentofperson in this state must be shipped using a licensed alcohol carrier as provided in subsection 6.
 - c. A licensed logistics shipper is subject to section 5-03-06 and shall maintain records of alcoholic beverages shipped which include the license number and name of the licensed direct shipper, the license number and name of the licensed common carrier, the date of each shipment, the quantity and kind of alcohol shipped, and the recipient's name and address for each shipment. A licensed logistics shipper shall submit a report to the tax commissioner on a monthly basis in the form and format prescribed by the tax commissioner. The report is due on the last day of the month following the month of shipment. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the due date is the first working day after the due date. The tax commissioner may require that the report be submitted in an electronic format approved by the tax commissioner.
 - d. Licensed logistics shippers may not ship alcoholic beverages from unlicensed direct shippers or through unlicensed carriers. For a violation, a licensed logistics shipper is subject to the penalties in subsection 3.
 - 8. The tax commissioner may initiate and maintain an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin a violation of this section and may request award of all costs and attorney's fees incurred by the state incidental to that action. Upon determination by the tax commissioner that an illegal sale or shipment of alcoholic beverages has been made to a consumerperson in this state by any person, the tax commissioner may notify both the alcohol and tobacco tax and trade bureau of the United States department of the treasury and the licensing authority for the state in which the person is domiciled that a state law pertaining to the regulation of alcoholic beverages has been violated and may request those agencies to take appropriate action.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 5-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

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5-01-17. Domestic winery license-License.

- 1. The tax commissioner may issue a domestic winery license to the owner or operator of a winery located within this state to produce wine. The percentage of ingredients by volume, excluding water, of wine produced by a domestic winery which must be grown and produced in this state must be at least ten percent in the second year of licensure, twenty percent in the third year of licensure, thirty percent in the fourth year of licensure, forty percent in the fifth year of licensure, and fifty-one percent in the sixth and subsequent years of licensure. Domestic wineries may be granted an exemption from the ingredient utilization requirement whenever the state tax commissioner determines, upon the tax commissioner's own motion or at the request of a domestic winery, that weather conditions, pest infestations, plant disease epidemics, or other natural causes have reduced the quantity or quality of produce grown in this state to an extent that renders compliance with the ingredient utilization requirement infeasible. The exemption is effective for one year unless the tax commissioner issues a new exemption. A domestic winery may purchase, at wholesale or retail, brandy for use of onpremises on premises fortification. A domestic winery license may be issued and renewed for an annual fee of one hundred dollars, which is in lieu of all other license fees required by this title.
 - A domestic winery may sell wine produced by that winery at on sale or off sale, in retail lots, and not for resale, and may sell or direct ship its wine to persons inside or outside of the state in a manner consistent with the laws of the place of the sale or delivery in total quantities not in excess of twenty-five thousand gallons [94635 liters] in a calendar year; glassware; wine literature and accessories; and cheese, cheese spreads, and other snack food items. A licensee may dispense free samples of the wines offered for sale. Subject to local ordinance, sales at on sale and off sale may be made on Sundays between twelve noon and twelve midnight. The tax commissioner may issue special events permits for not more than twenty events per calendar year to a domestic winery allowing the winery, subject to local ordinance, to give free samples of its wine and to sell its wine by the glass or in closed containers, at off-premises events. To participate in a pride of Dakota event sponsored by the department of agriculture, a domestic winery shall obtain a special events permit from the tax

- commissioner. Participation by a domestic winery in a pride of Dakota event sponsored by the department of agriculture does not count against the twenty special events limitation. A domestic winery may not engage in any wholesaling activities. All sales and deliveries of wines to any other retail licensed premises in this state may be made only through a licensed North Dakota liquor wholesaler. For any month in which a domestic winery has made sales to a North Dakota wholesaler, or at retail, including all wines shipped directly to consumers, that domestic winery shall file a report with the tax commissioner no later than the last day of each calendar month reporting sales made during the preceding calendar month. When the last day of the calendar month falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the due date is the first working day thereafter. The report must provide such detail and be in a format as prescribed by the tax commissioner. The tax commissioner may require the report be submitted in an electronic format approved by the tax commissioner.
- 3. A domestic winery may obtain a domestic winery license and a retailer license allowing the <u>onpremises on premises</u> sales of alcoholic beverages at a restaurant owned by the licensee and located on property contiguous to the winery.
- 4. A domestic winery is subject to section 5-03-06 and shall report and pay annually to the tax commissioner the wholesaler taxes due on all wines sold by the licensee at retail, including all wines shipped directly to consumers as set forth in sections 5-03-07 and 57-39.6-02. The annual wholesaler tax reports are due January fifteenth of the year following the year sales were made. When the fifteenth of January falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the due date is the first working day thereafter. The report must provide such detail and be in a format as prescribed by the tax commissioner. The tax commissioner may require that the report be submitted in an electronic format approved by the tax commissionerchapter 57-39.6.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 5-01-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5-01-19. Domestic distillery - License.

1. The tax commissioner may issue a domestic distillery license to the owner or operator of a distillery that is located within this state which uses a majority of North Dakota farm products to manufacture and sell spirits produced on the premises. A domestic

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- distillery license may be issued and renewed for an annual fee of one hundred dollars. This fee is in lieu of all other license fees required by this title. The tax commissioner may not issue the domestic distillery license until the applicant has established that the applicant has applied for and obtained the necessary federal registrations and permits, as required under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [26 U.S.C. 5001 et seq.] and the federal Alcohol Administration Act [27 U.S.C. 203], for the operation of a distilled spirits plant.
- A domestic distillery may sell spirits produced by that distillery at on sale or off sale, in retail lots, and not for resale, and may sell or direct ship its spirits to persons inside or outside the state in a manner consistent with the laws of the place of the sale or delivery in total quantities not in excess of twenty-five thousand gallons [94635 liters] in a calendar year. Direct sales within this state are limited to two and thirty-eight hundredths gallons [9 liters] or less per month per person for personal use and not for resale. The packaging must conform with the labeling requirements in section 5-01-16. A licensee may dispense free samples of the spirits offered for sale. Subject to local ordinance, sales at on sale and off sale may be made on Sundays between twelve noon and twelve midnight. A domestic distillery may hold events inside and outside its premises, but only on contiguous property under common ownership, allowing free samples of its spirits and to sell its spirits by the glass or in closed containers. The tax commissioner may issue special events permits for not more than twenty events per calendar year to a domestic distillery allowing the domestic distillery, subject to local ordinance, to give free samples of its product and to sell its product by the glass or in closed containers, at off-premises events. To participate in a pride of Dakota event sponsored by the department of agriculture, a domestic distillery shall obtain a special events permit from the tax commissioner. Participation by a domestic distillery in a pride of Dakota event sponsored by the department of agriculture does not count against the twenty special events limitation. A domestic distillery may not engage in any wholesaling activities. All sales and deliveries of spirits to any other retail licensed premises in this state may be made only through a licensed North Dakota liquor wholesaler. However, a domestic distillery may sell distilled spirits to a domestic winery if the distilled spirits were produced from products provided to the domestic distillery

- by the domestic winery. No later than the last business day of a calendar month, a

 farmdomestic distillery that has made sales to a North Dakota wholesaler, or at retail,

 including all distilled spirits shipped directly to consumers, during the preceding

 calendar month shall file a report with the tax commissioner reporting those sales. The

 report must provide such detail and be in a format as prescribed by the tax

 commissioner. The tax commissioner may require the report be submitted in an

 electronic format approved by the tax commissioner.
 - 3. A domestic distillery may obtain a domestic distillery license and a retailer license allowing the <u>onpremises on premises</u> sale of alcoholic beverages at a restaurant owned by the licensee and located on property contiguous to the domestic distillery. A domestic distillery also may own or operate a winery.
 - 4. A domestic distillery is subject to section 5-03-06 and shall report and pay annually to the tax commissioner the wholesaler taxes due on all spirits sold by the licensee at retail, including all spirits shipped directly to consumers as set forth in sections 5-03-07 and 57-39.6-02. The annual wholesaler tax reports are due January fifteenth of the year following the year sales were made. The report must provide the detail and be in a format as prescribed by the tax commissioner. The tax commissioner may require that the report be submitted in an electronic format approved by the tax commissionerchapter 57-39.6.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Subsections 4 and 5 of section 5-01-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 4. For any month in which a brewery has made sales to a wholesaler licensed in this state, or at retail, to a retail licensee, or directly to consumers, that brewery shall file a report with the tax commissioner no later than the last day of each calendar month reporting sales made during the preceding calendar month. When the last day of the calendar month falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the due date is the first working day after that day. The report must provide the detail and be in a format as prescribed by the tax commissioner. The tax commissioner may require the report be submitted in an electronic format approved by the tax commissioner.
- 5. A brewer taproom licensee is subject to section 5-03-06 and shall report and pay annually to the tax commissioner the wholesaler taxes due on all beer sold by the

licensee at retail or to a retail licensee, including all beer sold directly to consumers as set forth in sections 5-03-07 and 57-39.6-02. The annual wholesaler tax reports are due January fifteenth of the year following the year sales were made. When the fifteenth of January falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the due date is the first working day after that day. The report must provide the detail and be in a format as prescribed by the tax commissioner. The tax commissioner may require the report be submitted in an electronic format approved by the tax commissionerchapter 57-39.6.

SECTION 7. AMENDMENT. Section 5-03-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5-03-05. Tax commissioner to adopt rules - Appeal.

The tax commissioner, under chapter 28-32, shall adopt rules governing retailers, licensees, direct shippers, and manufacturers necessary to carry out the provisions of this title and to-ensure efficient collection of beer and liquor taxes. All decisions of the tax commissioner are subject to court review.

SECTION 8. AMENDMENT. Section 5-03-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5-03-06. Examination by tax commissioner - Penalty for improper returns.

The state tax commissioner may at any reasonable time make an examination of the books and premises of any retailer, wholesaler, <u>supplier</u>, manufacturer, domestic winery, domestic distillery, microbrew pub, <u>brewer taproom licensee</u>, direct shipper, licensed alcohol carrier, licensed logistics shipper, or other person to determine if the person has fully complied with all statutes and rules pertaining to the person's business. If any manufacturer, wholesaler, domestic winery, domestic distillery, microbrew pub, or direct shipper liable for any taxes imposed by this chapter fails to pay such tax on the date payment is due, there must be added to the tax a penalty of five percent of the total amount of the tax or five dollars, whichever is greater, plus interest of one percent of the tax per month or fraction of a month of delay, except the first month after the return or tax became due. Any manufacturer, wholesaler, <u>supplier</u>, retailer, domestic winery, domestic distillery, microbrew pub, <u>brewer taproom licensee</u>, direct shipper, licensed alcohol carrier, or licensed logistics shipper failing to furnish reports when required must be assessed a penalty of one hundred dollars for each day suchthe reports are

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- 1 delinquent. The state tax commissioner may forgive all or part of any penalty for good cause 2 shown. The tax commissioner shall give notice of the determination to the person liable for tax. 3 If the determination of tax due relates to an incorrect or insufficient return filed by a taxpayer, 4 notice of the determination must be given not later than three years after the last day on which 5 the return was due or three years after the return was filed, whichever is later. If it is determined 6 upon audit by the tax commissioner that the tax due was twenty-five percent or more above the 7 amount reported on the return, notice of determination of tax due must be given not later than 8 six years after the last day on which the return was due or six years after the return was filed, 9 whichever is later. Notice of determination of tax due for any reporting period for which a 10 taxpayer failed to file a return must be given not later than six years after the due date of the 11 return, but if fraudulent information is given in a return or the failure to file a return is due to the 12 fraudulent intent or willful attempt of the taxpayer in any manner to evade the tax, the time-13 limitation provided in this section for giving notice of the determination of tax due does not apply. 14 If any manufacturer, wholesaler, domestic winery, domestic distillery, microbrew pub, or direct 15 shipper files a fraudulent return, there must be added to the tax an amount equal to the tax 16 evaded or attempted to be evaded and such manufacturer, wholesaler, domestic winery, 17 domestic distillery, microbrew pub, or direct shipper is also guilty of a class C felony. All such-18 taxes and civil penalties may be collected by assessment or distraint, and no court of this state 19 may enjoin the collection of any such tax or civil penalty. No wholesaler may purchase alcoholic 20 beverages from a manufacturer after notice from the tax commissioner that such manufacturer 21 has failed to file required reports with the tax commissioner's office. Any manufacturer, supplier, 22 retailer, wholesaler, domestic winery, domestic distillery, microbrew pub, brewer taproom 23 licensee, direct shipper, licensed alcohol carrier, or licensed logistics shipper may have its 24 license suspended or revoked for violation of any of the provisions of this title after a hearing 25 conducted similar to that prescribed by this law. 26 SECTION 9. AMENDMENT. Section 5-03-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended
 - and reenacted as follows:

 5-03-09. Supplier license required Filing requirements Penalty.
 - Before a supplier may engage in the sale or shipment of alcoholic beverages to a licensed North Dakota wholesaler, that supplier must first procure a supplier license from the state tax commissioner. <u>A supplier is subject to section 5-03-06.</u>

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- 1 For any month in which a licensed supplier has made sales to a North Dakota 2 wholesaler, that supplier shall file a report with the state tax commissioner no later 3 than the last day of each calendar month covering alcoholic beverages sold or shipped 4 to a North Dakota wholesaler during the preceding calendar month. When the last day 5 of the calendar month falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the due date is the 6 first working day thereafter. The report must provide such detail and be in a format as 7 prescribed by the state tax commissioner. The state tax commissioner may require 8 that the report be submitted in an electronic format approved by the state tax 9 commissioner.
 - 3. If a supplier fails to file the required report as required by this section, there is imposed a penalty of twenty-five dollars per month for each calendar month or fraction of a month during which the delinquency continues beginning with the month during which the report was due.
 - 4. A supplier in violation of this section or who furnishes information required by this section that is false or misleading is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
 - 5. In addition, whenever the holder of a supplier's license fails to comply with any of the provisions of this title or any rules or regulations prescribed by the state tax commissioner and adopted under this title, the state tax commissioner, upon hearing after giving ten days' notice of the time and place of the hearing to show cause why the holder's license should not be revoked, may revoke the license. The state tax commissioner also shall have the power to restore licenses after such revocation. Whenever the holder of a license has had the license revoked for failure to comply with the provisions of this title or any rules and regulations prescribed by the state tax commissioner and adopted under this title, the state tax commissioner shall charge a fee of one hundred dollars for the reissuance of the license.

SECTION 10. AMENDMENT. Section 57-39.6-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

57-39.6-02. Gross receipts tax on alcoholic beverages - Exemption.

There is imposed a tax of seveneight and one-half percent on the gross receipts of retailers from all sales at retail of alcoholic beverages. Gross receipts from sales at retail of alcoholic beverages are exempted from the tax imposed by this chapter when the sale is made to a

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- 1 purchaser who is entitled to a sales and use tax exemption under subsection 6 or 12 of section
- 2 57-39.2-04 on otherwise taxable sales.
- 3 SECTION 11. REPEAL. Sections 5-03-04 and 5-03-07 of the North Dakota Century Code
- 4 are repealed.
- 5 **SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Sections 2 through 11 of this Act are effective for taxable
- 6 events occurring after June 30, 2019.