

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1442**

Introduced by

Representatives Buffalo, Adams, P. Anderson, Hager, Schneider

Senators Clemens, Hogan

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 47-16-20 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to late fees on rents under a rental agreement.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 47-16-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **47-16-20. Rents - When payable - Late fees.**

- 7 1. When there is no contract or usage to the contrary, the rent of agricultural and wild  
8 land ~~shall be~~ payable yearly at the end of each year. Rents of lodgings ~~shall be~~  
9 payable monthly at the end of each month. Other rents ~~shall be~~ payable quarterly  
10 at the end of each quarter from the time the lease takes effect. The rent for a lease  
11 shorter than the periods herein specified ~~shall be~~ in this subsection is payable at the  
12 termination of the lease.
- 13 2. If a rental payment by a lessee for a lodging is not made by the end of the month, or  
14 by a date otherwise specified in the rental agreement, a lessor may charge a late fee  
15 in an amount not to exceed eight percent of the overdue rent payment.