

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/21/2019

Amendment to: SB 2352

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2019 SENATE FINANCE AND TAXATION

SB 2352

2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Finance and Taxation Committee
Lewis and Clark Room, State Capitol

SB 2352
1/29/2019
Job #31634

- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk: Alicia Larsgaard

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a long-term care surtax on income; to amend and reenact section 57-38-55 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the disposition of long-term care surtax revenue; to provide an effective date; and to provide an expiration date.

Minutes:

Attachments: 0

Chairman Cook: Called the hearing to order on SB 2352.

Senator Dotzenrod: Introduced the bill. This is a bill that deals with nursing home funding. I think the previous bill really covered what this issue is regarding the need for funding. This bill deals with long term care funding and this continuing problem on how we need to pay for it. ND currently has a health care trust fund. This bill imposes on income tax payers, a 15% surtax on their state income tax liability. That would be for individuals as estates and trusts, to be deposited into the current health care trust fund. This fund has been on our century code for several sessions. It hasn't been used a lot but there is money that goes through there that goes in to support long term care. There should generate about \$124 million in the next biennium. Line 24 shows a figure of \$281 million and as indicated, if the balance in the fund exceeds that then the surtax goes away. That number came from looking at the states obligation in the next biennium. Total spending with federal and state together is about double that. \$281 is what is estimated to be our state obligation in the next two years. The way that that language works is that if we exceed the \$281 million in this trust fund, then the surtax goes away. I introduced this bill because the problem seems to be with us every session. I really wanted to make this obligation a priority. We are treating this issue as an afterthought rather than an obligation to those who have gone before us who are exhausted and need us to make this a priority. Government should function to provide services and funding for them. I wanted to find a way to get us to the point where we are not treating this as an inconvenience. It is a straight forward proposition. I will stand for questions.

Chairman Cook: Any further testimony in support? Any opposed? Neutral? Hearing none we will close the hearing on SB 2352.

2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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2/4/2019
Job #32112

- Subcommittee
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Senator Dotzenrod: I do have some amendments. See attachment #1. The way the bill was written measured how much came in in terms of total accumulative deposits. When those total deposits hit \$231 million, the tax went away. I didn't want it to work that way. I wanted the revenue to flow in there and if the balance ever went over \$281 million, then the tax would go away. I wanted the money to flow in and flow out and be appropriated. This says is that if the ending balance as of the last day of any year exceeds \$281 million, then the tax become ineffective. You only measure it once a year at the last day of the year.

Chairman Cook: How does this money get spent?

Senator Dotzenrod: This goes into the nursing home Health Care Trust Fund. Any revenue that is generate would go into that fund. The legislature has been appropriating and taking some funds out of that. It covers only a few nursing homes. IT was created because of a few nursing homes. It can be appropriated by the legislature for nursing home expenses in general.

Chairman Cook: So the only way the money in this trust fund gets spent is if it is appropriated by the legislature?

Senator Dotzenrod: Yes.

Chairman Cook: Any they can appropriate it to a certain nursing home.

Senator Dotzenrod: I do not know about that. I think it can be generally appropriated. The 50-30-02 is very short. It is about a one-page thing. It looks like the revenues that go in there are available to be appropriated.

Chairman Cook: When was the last time the money was appropriated out of this fund.

Senator Dotzenrod: I think there has been some taken out every session.

Chairman Cook: How did the original money get in there?

Senator Dotzenrod: I think it was created because there were several nursing homes that were publically owned by the tax payers and they didn't have a way to deal with some of the money that flowed in and out. That is why they created this trust fund. It is a chapter called "Nursing Facility Alternative Funding". "North Dakota Health Care Trust Fund created uses: continuing appropriation there is created in the State Treasurer special fund known as the ND Health Care Trust Fund. It consists of revenue received from government nursing facilities for remitting to the fund under the former section. The department should administer the fund. The state investment board shall invest the money in accordance with chapter 21-10. Any income earned must be deposited in the ND Health Care Trust Fund. All money is available to the department for transfer to long term care facility loan fund as authorized by legislative appropriation for making loan pursuant to the requirement chapter B. Payment is authorized by legislative appropriations of cost and other programs authorized by the legislative assembly." –ND Century Code I read it that B would give them the authority to transfer that money to the nursing homes.

Chairman Cook: Did you say something about a continuing appropriation?

Senator Dotzenrod: That was on the previous page on A. When I started inquiring about this, I talked to Allan Knudson about this health care fund and asked him if it got used and what it was for. I also asked him if this money could be used for nursing homes. He said yes.

Senator Dotzenrod: Moved to adopt the amendments.

Senator Unruh: Seconded.

Chairman Cook: Any Discussion?

A Voice Vote Was Taken.

Motion Carried.

Senator Dotzenrod: Moved a Do Pass as Amended on SB 2352.

Senator Patten: Seconded.

Chairman Cook: Any Discussion?

A Roll Call Vote Was Taken. 1 yea, 5 nays, 0 absent.

Motion Failed.

Senator Kannianen: Moved a Do Not Pass on SB 2352 as Amended.

Senator Unruh: Seconded.

Chairman Cook: Any Discussion?

A Roll Call Vote Was Taken. 5 yeas, 1 nay, 0 absent.

Motion Carried.

Senator Patten will carry the bill.

Senator Dotzenrod: Thank you for allowing me to put the amendments on.

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Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Senator Dotzenrod

February 4, 2019

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Renumber accordingly

Date: 2-4-19
Roll Call Vote #: 2

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ROLL CALL VOTES
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Senate Finance and Taxation Committee

Subcommittee

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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 Dotzenrod Seconded By Patten

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Cook		✓	Senator Dotzenrod	✓	
Vice Chairman Kannianen		✓			
Senator Meyer		✓			
Senator Patten		✓			
Senator Unruh		✓			

Total (Yes) ~~0~~ 1 No 5

Absent 0

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 2-4-19
Roll Call Vote #: 3

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Motion Made By Kannianen Seconded By Unruh

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Cook	✓		Senator Dotzenrod		✓
Vice Chairman Kannianen	✓				
Senator Meyer	✓				
Senator Patten	✓				
Senator Unruh	✓				

Total (Yes) 5 No 1

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Patten

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2352: Finance and Taxation Committee (Sen. Cook, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO NOT PASS** (5 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2352 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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2019 TESTIMONY

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