

## Some Legislative deadlines are already here!

Compared to other states, North Dakota is known for relatively short bill introduction deadlines. With some rare exceptions, that means we know what is in the pot (excluding amendments, of course) by the end of January. It also means a deluge of bills in the first few weeks of the session. This year is no different. The five-bill deadline for House members is Monday, January 18. The circle tightens on the Senate as well on Monday, as each member will have a three-bill limit starting on Monday. January 25 is it for Senators – no more Senate bills after that date. As of today, there are 372 bills and resolutions introduced in the House and 219 bills and resolutions introduced in the Senate — seemingly on par with previous, non-COVID-impacted sessions. Suffice to say, it is a busy time at the Legislature.

## What Happened This Week?

One of NDBA's sponsored bills now has a number and may easily be tracked.

### HB 2197 – DFI Confidential Information

HB 1220 is a bill to expand the definition of confidential information obtained or created by the Commissioner to include a complaint or comment from the public regarding a financial institution, credit union, or other licensed entity under the supervision of the commissioner, unless the commissioner is providing aggregate, nonspecific information. The bill also restricts bank information available to the State Auditor.

## NDBA's High Priorities to Date

| Bill           | Title   |
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| <b>HB 1026</b> | Relating to financial criteria for grain buyer, grain broker, grain processor, and warehousemen licenses, and licensing and bonding for grain brokers and grain processors; to definitions of grain brokers and processors, the duties and powers of the commissioner, confidentiality records, scale ticket contents, credit-sale contracts, reports, annual licenses, fees, and bonds for grain buyers, grain brokers, grain processors, and warehousemen; to repeal sections 60-02.1-06, 60-02.1-07.1, 60-02.1-26, 60-02.1-27, and 60-10-15; and to provide a penalty. |
| <b>HB 1050</b> | Relating to definitions relating to business incentives, agreements, and reports.   |
| <b>HB 1077</b> | Relating to the Uniform Electronic Wills Act; and to provide for application.   |
| <b>HB 1136</b> | Relating to the disposition of proceeds from tax lien foreclosures.   |
| <b>HB 1154</b> | Relating to transparency in dental benefits contracting; and to provide a penalty.  |
| <b>HB 1172</b> | Relating to agricultural mediation and negotiation services.  |
| <b>HB 1175</b> | Relating to business immunity from COVID-19 liability claims; to provide for retroactive application; and to declare an emergency.  |

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| <b>HB 1187</b> | Relating to creation of a Bank of North Dakota rebuilders loan program and a rebuilders permanent loan fund; to repeal sections 6-09-46 and 6-09-46.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a rebuilders loan program, a rebuilders home loan program, and a rebuilders home loan fund; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to provide for a transfer.   |
| <b>HB 1204</b> | Relating to limitations on requirements to wear a mask at work.   |
| <b>HB 1222</b> | Relating to nonconforming structures.   |
| <b>HB 1231</b> | Relating to duty of the investment director to consider investing locally.  |
| <b>HB 1251</b> | Relating to actions having twenty-year limitations, docketing judgments, renewal of judgments by affidavit, and cancellation of judgment of record; to repeal sections 28-20-21, 28-20-22, and 28-20-23 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to renewal of judgments by affidavit; and to provide an effective date.  |
| <b>HB 1267</b> | Relating to cryptocurrency custodian services and exchanges; and to provide for a legislative management report.  |
| <b>HB 1268</b> | Relating to a financial technology sandbox program for innovative financial products and services and criminal history background checks.   |
| <b>HB 1299</b> | Relating to prohibiting a retail establishment from refusing to accept cash as payment; and to provide a penalty.   |
| <b>HB 1321</b> | Relating to exemption of recognition of daylight-saving time; and to repeal section 40-01-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to daylight saving time.  |
| <b>HB 1330</b> | Relating to prohibiting covered entities from selling users' protected data without consent; and to provide a penalty.  |
| <b>SB 2008</b> | A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of financial institutions.   |
| <b>SB 2014</b> | A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the industrial commission and the agencies under its control; to provide contingent funding; to provide for a transfer; and to provide an exemption.  |
| <b>SB 2048</b> | Relating to the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act; to amend and reenact sections 9-12-29, 10-19.1-123, 10-33-114, and 15-02-05.2, subsection 3 of section 23.1-15-07, subsections 8 and 9 of section 26.1-55-02, sections 26.1-55-04, 27-05.2-04, and 30.1-20-14, subsection 3 of section 35-20-17, sections 35-36-05, 38-13.1-03, 38-18.1-03, and 44-04-18.25, subsection 3 of section 47-16-07.1, section 54-27-15.1, subsection 6 of section 57-38-57, subsection 8 of section 57-39.2-23, and section 60-01-34 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to abandoned and unclaimed property; to repeal chapter 47-30.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the uniform unclaimed property act; to provide for a report; to provide a penalty; and to provide a continuing appropriation.   |
| <b>SB 2098</b> | Relating to abandoned vehicles.   |
| <b>SB 2101</b> | Relating to credit union loans; to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 6-01-01.1, sections 6-01-04.3, 6-01-09, and 6-01-17, subsection 1 of section 6-03-05, sections 6-03-11, 6-03-13.3, and 6-03-15.1, subsection 1 of section 6-03-47.2, sections 6-03-49.1, 6-05-15.4, and 6-06-06, subsection 4 of section 6-06-08, and sections 6-06-11 and 6-08-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the regulatory fund, assessment of civil money penalties, appointment of receivers, supervision and examinations, assessments, real estate loans, bank mergers, bank branches, bank investments, trust branches, credit union powers, credit union board notice, and sale or purchase of banking institutions or holding companies; to repeal section 6-06-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to credit union loans; and to provide a penalty. |
| <b>SB 2102</b> | Relating to dissolution, insolvency, suspension, emergency receivership, and liquidation of institutions under the department of financial institutions' supervision; to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 6-01-04.2 and sections 6-01-04.4, 6-02-05, 6-03-12, 6-03-57, 6-03-67, 6-05-34, and 6-06-08.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to financial institutions cross references, cease and desist orders, and prompt corrective action; and to repeal chapter 6-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to dissolution, insolvency, suspension, emergency receivership, and liquidation of institutions under the department of financial institutions' supervision.  |
| <b>SB 2191</b> | Relating to the disposal of abandoned personal property.  |
| <b>SB 2197</b> | Relating to confidentiality of facts and information obtained or created by the commissioner of financial institutions and the department of financial institutions.  |

## Hearings and Other Action this Week

### SB 2014 – Industrial Commission Appropriation Bill

SB 2014 is the appropriation bill for defraying the expenses of the industrial commission and the agencies under its control including the Bank of North Dakota and the Housing Finance Agency. The Senate Appropriation Committee heard the bill Wednesday morning. BND President Eric Hardmeyer testified on behalf of the bank's portion of the legislation. Part of the request includes moving mortgage services to Housing Finance and establishing a loan valuation services program at the bank to assist North Dakota's financial institutions. NDBA's Rick Clayburgh testified in support of the bank's appropriation and the mortgage and valuation services request. The Committee took no action on the bill.

## Hearings Next Week

| Date and Time  | Bill Number             | Short Title   | Committee                           | List          |
|--|-------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| 01/18/2021<br>02:00 PM    | <a href="#">HB 1204</a> | Relating to limitations on requirements to wear a mask at work.   | House Industry, Business and Labor  | NDBA Priority |
| 01/18/2021<br>02:15 PM    | <a href="#">HB 1319</a> | Relating to spousal debts.  | House Human Services                | Tracking      |
| 01/19/2021<br>08:00 AM   | <a href="#">HB 1299</a> | Relating to prohibiting a retail establishment from refusing to accept cash as payment; and to provide a penalty.   | House Industry, Business and Labor  | NDBA Priority |
| 01/19/2021<br>08:30 AM  | <a href="#">HB 1077</a> | Relating to the Uniform Electronic Wills Act; and to provide for application.   | House Judiciary                     | NDBA Priority |
| 01/19/2021<br>09:00 AM  | <a href="#">SB 2183</a> | Relating to accident and health insurance coverage of diabetes drugs and supplies; to amend and reenact section 26.1-36.6-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to public employee's self-insurance health plans; to provide for application; to provide an effective date; and to declare an emergency.  | Senate Human Services               | Tracking      |
| 01/19/2021<br>09:00 AM  | <a href="#">SB 2197</a> | Relating to confidentiality of facts and information obtained or created by the commissioner of financial institutions and the department of financial institutions.  | Senate Industry, Business and Labor | NDBA Priority |
| 01/19/2021<br>09:45 AM  | <a href="#">HB 1213</a> | Relating to medical marijuana designated caregivers; and to the medical marijuana program; to provide for a legislative management report; to provide a penalty; and to declare an emergency.   | House Human Services                | Tracking      |
| 01/19/2021<br>02:00 PM  | <a href="#">HB 1258</a> | Relating to real estate commission administration and real estate licensing; to repeal chapter 43-23.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to real estate broker trust accounts; and to provide a penalty.   | House Industry, Business and Labor  | Tracking      |
| 01/19/2021<br>02:00 PM  | <a href="#">HB 1187</a> | Relating to creation of a Bank of North Dakota rebuilders loan program and a rebuilders permanent loan fund; to repeal sections 6-09-46 and 6-09-46.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a rebuilders loan program, a rebuilders home loan program, and a rebuilders home loan fund; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to provide for a transfer. | House Industry, Business and Labor  | NDBA Priority |
| 01/20/2021<br>09:00 AM  | <a href="#">HB 1136</a> | Relating to the disposition of proceeds from tax lien foreclosures.   | House Finance and Taxation          | NDBA Priority |
| 01/20/2021<br>09:30 AM  | <a href="#">HB 1199</a> | Relating to the disposition of proceeds from tax lien foreclosures.   | House Finance and Taxation          | Tracking      |

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| 01/20/2021<br>11:15 AM  | <a href="#">SB 2048</a> | Relating to the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act; to repeal chapter 47-30.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the uniform unclaimed property act; to provide for a report; to provide a penalty; and to provide a continuing appropriation. | Senate Industry, Business and Labor   | NDBA Priority |
| 01/21/2021<br>09:00 AM  | <a href="#">HB 1172</a> | Relating to agricultural mediation and negotiation services.  | House Agriculture                     | Tracking      |
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| 01/22/2021<br>08:30 AM  | <a href="#">HB 1202</a> | Relating to funds managed by the state investment board and the investments of the board of university and school lands.  | House Government and Veterans Affairs | Tracking      |
| 01/22/2021<br>08:30 AM  | <a href="#">HB 1231</a> | Relating to duty of the investment director to consider investing locally.  | House Government and Veterans Affairs | NDBA Priority |
| 01/22/2021<br>09:00 AM  | <a href="#">HB 1293</a> | Relating to handguns and carrying firearms or dangerous weapons concealed; and to provide a penalty.  | House Energy and Natural Resources    | Tracking      |
| 01/22/2021<br>09:30 AM  | <a href="#">HB 1297</a> | Relating to the possession of firearms or dangerous weapons at a public gathering.  | House Energy and Natural Resources    | Tracking      |
| 01/22/2021<br>10:00 AM  | <a href="#">HB 1304</a> | Relating to carrying a handgun; and to provide a penalty.   | House Energy and Natural Resources    | Tracking      |
| 01/22/2021<br>10:45 AM  | <a href="#">SB 2191</a> | Relating to the disposal of abandoned personal property.  | Senate Political Subdivisions         | NDBA Priority |

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### House

<http://www.legis.nd.gov/files/resource/miscellaneous/houseroster.pdf?20150106101310>

Over the course of the session, NDBA may ask you to call your Senator or Representative to talk to them about a particular bill or to ask them to support or oppose a particular bill.

**Legislator contacts from local bankers are extremely important, so, please, if we ask, contact your legislators!**

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