

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1340  
(Representatives Koppelman, Cory, Marschall, Mock, Schatz)  
(Senators Clemens, Larsen, Meyer, Paulson, K. Roers, Wobbema)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsections 8 and 10 of section 11-09.1-05, subsections 12 and 14 of section 40-05.1-06, and section 62.1-01-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to home rule in counties and cities and the limitation on authority of a political subdivision regarding firearms.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 8 and 10 of section 11-09.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

8. Provide for the adoption, amendment, repeal, initiative, referral, enforcement, and civil and criminal penalties for violation of ordinances, resolutions, and regulations to carry out its governmental and proprietary powers and to provide for public health, safety, morals, and welfare. ~~However, this~~ This subsection does not confer any authority to regulate any industry or activity which is regulated by state law or by rules adopted by a state agency. This subsection is subject to the provisions of section 62.1-01-03.
10. Provide for zoning, planning, and subdivision of public or private property within the county limits but outside the zoning authority of any city or organized township. This subsection is subject to the provisions of section 62.1-01-03.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 12 and 14 of section 40-05.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

12. To define offenses against private persons and property and the public health, safety, morals, and welfare, and provide penalties for violations thereof. This subsection is subject to the provisions of section 62.1-01-03.
14. To provide for zoning, planning, and subdivision of public or private property within the city limits. To provide for such zoning, planning, and subdivision of public or private property outside the city limits as may be permitted by state law. This subsection is subject to the provisions of section 62.1-01-03.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 62.1-01-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**62.1-01-03. Limitation on authority of political subdivision regarding firearms - Civil action.**

1. A political subdivision, including home rule cities or counties, may not enact a ~~zoning ordinance or any other ordinance~~ relating to the purchase, sale, ownership, possession, transfer of ownership, registration, or licensure of firearms and ammunition which is more restrictive than state law. All such existing ordinances are void.
2. A political subdivision, including home rule cities or counties, may not enact a zoning ordinance relating to the purchase, sale, ownership, possession, transfer of ownership, registration, or licensure of firearms and ammunition. All such existing ordinances are void.
3. This section does not limit the ability of a political subdivision, including home rule cities or counties, to enforce an ordinance or zoning regulation relating to a business operation if the restriction in the ordinance or regulation:

- a. Applies equally to all persons engaging in commerce within the area subject to the ordinance or regulation; and
  - b. Is not specifically related to the purchase, sale, ownership, possession, transfer of ownership, registration, or licensure of firearms and ammunition.
4. The absence of a state law restriction relating to the purchase, sale, ownership, possession, transfer of ownership, registration, or licensure of firearms and ammunition may not be construed to allow a political subdivision, including a home rule city or county, to enact an ordinance restricting the purchase, sale, ownership, possession, transfer of ownership, registration, or licensure of firearms and ammunition.
5. A person aggrieved under ~~subsection 1~~this section may bring a civil action against a political subdivision for damages as a result of an unlawful ordinance.

Dennis E. Johnson  
Speaker of the House

Tammy Miller  
President of the Senate

Bull J. Reid  
Chief Clerk of the House

Wanda Rogers  
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1340.

House Vote:      Yeas 83              Nays 10              Absent 1

Senate Vote:    Yeas 41              Nays 6              Absent 0

Bull J. Reid  
Chief Clerk of the House

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Doug Burdick  
Governor

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Michael Howe  
Secretary of State