



# North Dakota Auctioneers Association

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Hello NDAA members and fellow auctioneers. I hope this letter finds you well and busy.

Today I had the opportunity to visit the North Dakota House of Representatives regarding House Bill 1191 (HB1191). You should have received a notice in the mail or in your email. During our visit, the Public Service Commission (PSC) has stated that they no longer want to monitor auction and clerking licenses and bonds. They assured the House committee that we are not a bother, yet there is a concern for the "what if" scenario. The PSC had issues with a grain dealer that led to several million dollars being paid out to the public. Since that time, they have tried to remove us from their office. Once again, they are not frustrated with all licensed auctioneers - they simply want out.

In the days since the notice came out, I have received several calls regarding HB1191 and what it may represent. Most of the calls were to say "No" to the bill. I did represent us as a group to discuss the concerns I'd received. I asked the committee to give us time until our annual convention so that we could decide our outcome. After the hearing, I was told by a few legislators that we, the NDAA, should tell them what we want.

Please join us on Friday, February 3, at 2:00 pm to hear the options and to receive more information. On Saturday, February 4, we will discuss, vote and put together a presentation for the House of Representatives. I feel very fortunate that we have been given this opportunity to be involved in a decision that will change the state's laws regarding auctioneering. Please attend these meetings and be a part of the future! You must be a member of the NDAA to engage in these meetings.

Here are a few of the options that were discussed during my meeting with the House.

- 1) HB1191 as written.
- 2) Remove the current law and eliminate the North Dakota license and bond requirements.
- 3) We would be transferred from the PSC office to the Secretary of State's office. More information to come.
- 4) Stay with the PSC as our licensing agency. The PSC will dispute this.

I urge you to attend the convention to share your thoughts and be part of our Auction on Friday night. See the [www.ndauctioneers.com](http://www.ndauctioneers.com) for more information.

Best regards,

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