



EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-08

WHEREAS, North Dakota innovators and entrepreneurs have a long history of using innovation to help feed and fuel the world; and,

WHEREAS, North Dakota leaders have long championed a low tax environment and common-sense regulatory philosophy that avoids unnecessary burdens on citizens and industry; and,

WHEREAS, the Burgum/Sanford administration is dedicated to focusing on innovation over regulation to solve problems and create opportunities for the citizens of North Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, regulations are inherently backward-looking, often narrowly focused on a singular historic issue, while innovation is forward-looking, encouraging collaboration and utilizing new technologies, new processes, or new knowledge to solve large problems; and,

WHEREAS, a government dedicated to innovation, transparency and the citizen experience will enhance all engagements and reduce transaction time and costs between the State of North Dakota and its citizens and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, North Dakota's Century Code, which contains state laws, and Administrative Code, which contains all rules of state administrative agencies, have been expanded and grown over the decades; and,

WHEREAS, many opportunities exist to eliminate redundant and outdated rules and regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the record shortage of workforce at national, state and local levels increases the urgency and necessity to reduce red tape to free up state and private sector workforce to focus on value-added activity; and,

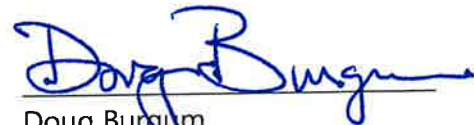
WHEREAS, reducing the number of regulations in North Dakota and streamlining those that remain will make government more effective, efficient and nimble while also making it simpler for citizens, innovators and entrepreneurs to understand our laws and rules so they can more easily pursue the many opportunities to create a better life, reach their fullest potential and grow the economy in North Dakota.

NOW, THEREFORE, Doug Burgum, Governor of North Dakota, by virtue of the authority under Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution, hereby orders: The Red Tape Reduction Working Group is hereby established. The Red Tape Reduction Working Group will collaborate across all cabinet agencies and participating non-cabinet agencies with identified Red Tape Reduction Officers (RTRO).

1. Each cabinet agency and participating non-cabinet agency will identify one Red Tape Reduction Officer to lead the process to review their agency regulations, restrictions, requirements, red tape and policies that have become antiquated, overly burdensome and inefficient.
2. The RTRO will report at a minimum every two weeks on the progress of their review to the Red Tape Reduction Working Group.
3. All recommendations will be reviewed and prepared for a comprehensive Red Tape Reduction Act to be recommended to the 68th Legislative Assembly.
4. The Red Tape Reduction Working Group must complete its work no later than Tuesday, November 22, 2022.
5. North Dakota's more than 150 state-level boards and commissions will be invited and encouraged to participate in the Red Tape Reduction process.
6. The Red Tape Reduction Working Group will also be accepting citizens' ideas via the Governor's Office website at www.governor.nd.gov.

This Executive Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until rescinded.

Executed at the State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, this 18th day of August 2022.


Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State