

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the attorney general;  
2 to provide statements of legislative intent; and to amend and reenact section 54-12-11 of the  
3 North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the attorney general.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the  
6 funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in  
7 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal  
8 funds and other income, to the attorney general for the purpose of defraying the expenses of  
9 the attorney general, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001, as  
10 follows:

11 Salaries and wages	\$14,181,012
12 Operating expenses	4,753,803
13 Equipment	868,710
14 Grants	5,396,025
15 Litigation fees	50,000
16 Gaming commission	5,109
17 Racing commission	244,548
18 National criminal history improvement project	2,528,385
19 Law enforcement programs	628,844
20 High-intensity drug trafficking area	<u>2,745,933</u>
21 Total all funds	\$31,402,369
22 Less estimated income	<u>17,279,464</u>
23 Total general fund appropriation	\$14,122,905

1           **SECTION 2. FIRE AND TORNADO FUND.** The estimated income line item in  
2 section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$385,517, or so much of the sum as may be  
3 necessary, from the state fire and tornado fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses  
4 related to the state fire marshal program.

5           **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - STATE FIRE MARSHAL PROGRAM.** It is the  
6 intent of the legislative assembly that the attorney general charge and collect a fee for services  
7 provided by the state fire marshal program to entities not insured by the fire and tornado fund.  
8 Fees collected for these services must be deposited in the general fund. For services provided  
9 to entities insured by the fire and tornado fund, the attorney general is to prepare and submit a  
10 memorandum billing to the fire and tornado fund. For the purpose of this section a  
11 "memorandum billing" means a document detailing services and cost of services provided. The  
12 memorandum billing does not require a remittance of funds from the fire and tornado fund.

13           **SECTION 4. ASSET FORFEITURE FUND.** The sum of \$74,201 is available from the  
14 asset forfeiture fund to the attorney general as included in the estimated income line item in  
15 section 1 of this Act.

16           **SECTION 5. LOCAL GAMING ENFORCEMENT GRANTS.** The grants line item in  
17 section 1 of this Act includes \$221,877 for local gaming enforcement grants.

18           **SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - LOCAL GAMING ENFORCEMENT GRANTS.**  
19 It is the intent of the legislative assembly that the attorney general, through the state treasurer's  
20 office, disburse local gaming enforcement grants based on a competitive basis in accordance  
21 with criteria established by the attorney general.

22           **SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - LITIGATION FEES - EMERGENCY**  
23 **COMMISSION REQUEST.** It is the intent of the legislative assembly that the attorney general  
24 submit a request to the emergency commission for an additional appropriation for litigation fees  
25 from the contingency fund if the \$50,000 appropriated in the litigation fees line item in section 1  
26 of this Act is exhausted.

27           **SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-12-11 of the 1997 Supplement to the North  
28 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

29           **54-12-11. Salary of attorney general.** The annual salary of the attorney general is  
30 ~~sixty-two~~ sixty-eight thousand ~~five~~ three hundred ~~ninety-two~~ eighty-eight dollars through

Fifty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly

- 1 June 30, ~~1998~~ 2000, and ~~sixty-four~~ seventy thousand four hundred ~~sixty-four~~ forty dollars
- 2 thereafter.