

HOUSE BILL NO. 1513

Introduced by

Representatives Charging, Drovdal, Froelich, Onstad, Wrangham

Senator Warner

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 61-02 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to an emergency municipal drinking water loan program; and to provide
3 an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 61-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Emergency municipal drinking water loan program.** The commission shall establish
8 an emergency municipal drinking water loan program. The program must be designed to
9 provide funds, which may be provided in the form of loans against future municipal, rural, and
10 industrial water supply funds, for municipalities; whose primary source of water is the Missouri
11 River, Lake Sakakawea, or Lake Oahe; which are unable to supply an adequate quantity of
12 quality water to their municipal water systems as a result of low water in the Missouri River
13 system; and which request assistance. The program becomes active when the level of Lake
14 Sakakawea reaches one thousand eight hundred four feet mean sea level. The program must
15 be designed to provide emergency funds to municipalities facing a critical need or health risk as
16 a result of the inability of the water intake system for the municipal water system to supply an
17 adequate quantity of quality water to the municipal water system.

18 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
19 resources trust fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$5,000,000, or
20 so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state water commission for the purpose of
21 implementing the emergency municipal drinking water loan program, for the biennium beginning
22 July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.