

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1477

Introduced by

Representatives S. Kelsh, Boucher, Christenson

Senator Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 54-03 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the sale of property or service to state agencies by members of the
3 legislative assembly and to prohibiting the receipt of honoraria by members of the legislative
4 assembly.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Sale of property or service to state agencies by members of the legislative**
9 **assembly.** A member of the legislative assembly may not sell, in any one occurrence, property
10 or service having a value in excess of two thousand dollars to a state agency unless the sale is
11 made pursuant to an award or contract let after public notice and competitive bidding. This
12 section does not apply to the publication of legal notices in newspapers as required by law or to
13 service at a state institution of higher education as an instructor if the member meets the
14 minimum education requirements established for instructors at the educational institution.

15 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 54-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
16 created and enacted as follows:

17 **Honoraria prohibited - Acceptance of additional pay or gifts.**

18 1. A member of the legislative assembly may not receive honoraria unless the
19 honoraria is received for activities related to the member's outside employment and
20 unrelated to the member's legislative position. This subsection does not prohibit a
21 member of the legislative assembly from accepting reimbursement for
22 transportation and actual expenses for out-of-state travel associated with
23 legislative duties if the chairman of the legislative council gives prior approval for
24 the travel.

- 1 2. Except for compensation provided by law, a member of the legislative assembly
- 2 may not knowingly accept compensation for performing legislative duties nor may a
- 3 member of the legislative assembly or the member's spouse solicit or accept
- 4 anything of value from a lobbyist.