

**Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the
Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1024
(Appropriations Committee)
(At the request of the Governor)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the tourism department; and to provide for a legislative council study.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from other income, to the tourism department for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the tourism department for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999, as follows:

Salaries and wages	\$ 880,969
Operating expenses	3,290,622
Equipment	15,378
Grants	<u>30,000</u>
Total all funds	\$4,216,969
Less estimated income	<u>363,000</u>
Total general fund appropriation	\$3,853,969

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY. The legislative council shall consider studying during the 1997-98 interim the coordination of efforts of the department of tourism, department of parks and recreation, department of economic development and finance, state historical society, and council on the arts to maximize their effectiveness by providing unified services to enhance the state's public image. If conducted, the study must focus on marketing, including international marketing, public relations, advertising, promotional materials development, graphic design, customer service training, and other public perception issues affecting North Dakota. The study is not to focus on the feasibility of merging these agencies into a consolidated department.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1024.

House Vote: Yeas 85 Nays 6 Absent 6

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 3

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 1997.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1997.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1997,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State