

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2371

Page 1, line 2, after "cases" insert "; and to amend and reenact section 54-12-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the asset forfeiture fund"

Page 1, underscore lines 6 through 24

Page 2, underscore lines 1 through 18

Page 2, after line 18, insert:

**"SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-12-14 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**54-12-14. Assets forfeiture fund - Created - Purpose - Continuing appropriation.** ~~There is hereby created a fund to be known as the~~ The attorney general assets forfeiture fund. ~~The fund consists of funds appropriated by the legislative assembly and additional funds obtained from moneys, assets, and proceeds seized and forfeited pursuant to section 19-03.1-36, amounts received through court proceedings as restitution, and amounts remaining from the forfeiture of property after the payment of expenses for forfeiture and sale authorized by law. The total aggregate amount in of deposits into the fund which do not come from legislative appropriation and are not payable to another governmental entity may not exceed five two hundred thousand dollars within a biennium and at the end of each fiscal year any moneys in excess of that amount must be deposited in the general fund. The funds are appropriated, as a standing and continuing appropriation, to the attorney general for the following purposes:~~

1. For obtaining evidence for enforcement of any state criminal law or law relating to the control of drug abuse.
2. For repayment of rewards to qualified local programs approved under section 12.1-32-02.2, if the information that was reported to the qualified local program substantially contributed to forfeiture of the asset, and for paying, at the discretion of the attorney general, rewards for other information or assistance leading to a forfeiture under section 19-03.1-36.
3. For paying, at the discretion of the attorney general, any expenses necessary to seize, detain, inventory, safeguard, maintain, advertise, or sell property seized, detained, or forfeited pursuant to section 19-03.1-36, or of any other necessary expenses incident to the seizure, detention, or forfeiture of such property.
4. For equipping, for law enforcement functions, forfeited vessels, vehicles, and aircraft retained as provided by law for official use by the state board of pharmacy or a law enforcement agency.
5. For paying, at the discretion of the attorney general, overtime compensation to agents of the bureau of criminal investigation and drug enforcement unit incurred as a result of investigations of violations of any state criminal law or law relating to the control of drug abuse.

6. For paying matching funds required to be paid as a condition for receipt of funds from a federal government program awarding monetary grants or assistance for the investigation, apprehension, or prosecution of persons violating the provisions of chapter 19-03.1.

The attorney general shall, with the concurrence of the director of the office of management and budget, establish the necessary accounting procedures for the use of the fund, and shall personally approve, in writing, all requests from the chief of the bureau of criminal investigation or the director of the drug enforcement unit for the use of the fund."

Renumber accordingly