

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 appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
7 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and
8 other income, to the attorney general for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the attorney
9 general, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003, as follows:

10 Salaries and wages	\$14,847,334
11 Operating expenses	5,882,969
12 Equipment	428,876
13 Grants	5,524,989
14 Litigation fees	50,000
15 Racing commission	238,814
16 National criminal history improvement project	2,358,720
17 Arrest and return of fugitives	10,000
18 Gaming commission	5,109
19 Law enforcement programs	631,056
20 High-intensity drug trafficking area	<u>1,931,648</u>
21 Total all funds	\$31,909,515
22 Less estimated income	<u>16,979,504</u>
23 Total general fund appropriation	\$14,930,011

1 **SECTION 2. FIRE AND TORNADO FUND.** The estimated income line item in
2 section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$385,143, or so much of the sum as may be necessary
3 from the state fire and tornado fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses related to the
4 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 insured by the fire and tornado fund. For
8 services provided to entities not insured by the fire and tornado fund, the attorney general is to
9 prepare and submit a memorandum billing to the entity receiving the service. For the purpose
10 of this section, a memorandum billing means a document detailing services and cost of services
11 provided. The memorandum billing does not require a remittance of funds.

12 **SECTION 4. ASSET FORFEITURE FUND.** The sum of \$62,504 is available from the
13 asset forfeiture fund to the attorney general as included in estimated income of section 1 of this
14 Act.

15 **SECTION 5. LOCAL GAMING ENFORCEMENT GRANTS.** The line item entitled
16 grants in section 1 of this Act includes \$419,591 for local gaming enforcement grants.

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

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

25 **SECTION 8. COLLECTIONS.** Section 1 of this Act includes the appropriation of up to
26 \$18,000 in revenues collected from fees charged for gaming law and administrative rules
27 manuals and recordkeeping booklets published by the attorney general for the period beginning
28 July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003.

29 **SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-12-11 of the 1999 Supplement to the North
30 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **54-12-11. Salary of attorney general.** The annual salary of the attorney general is
2 ~~sixty five~~ seventy-one thousand ~~seven hundred fifty three~~ seventy-two dollars through ~~June 30,~~
3 ~~2000~~ December 31, 2001, ~~sixty seven~~ seventy-three thousand ~~sixty eight~~ two hundred four
4 dollars through ~~December 31, 2000~~ June 30, 2002, and ~~sixty nine~~ seventy-four thousand ~~two~~
5 six hundred sixty-eight dollars thereafter.