

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1199

Introduced by

Representatives Ekstrom, Gulleason, Tieman

Senators Mathern, Polovitz, Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to duties of the department of commerce division of population growth;
3 to amend and reenact section 54-60-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to creation
4 of a department of commerce division of population growth; and to provide for a legislative
5 council study.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-60-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **54-60-02. Department of commerce - Divisions.** The North Dakota department of
10 commerce is created. ~~All records, materials, supplies, and equipment used by the division of~~
11 ~~community services, department of economic development and finance, and the department of~~
12 ~~tourism are transferred to the department.~~

13 1. The department must consist of:

- 14 a. A division of community services;
15 b. A division of economic development and finance;
16 c. A division of tourism;
17 d. A division of workforce development; ~~and~~
18 e. A division of population growth; and
19 f. Any division the commissioner determines necessary to carry out this chapter.

20 2. The commissioner shall appoint the director of the division of community services,
21 the division of economic development and finance, the division of workforce
22 development, and of any division created by the commissioner under subsection 1.
23 ~~Effective August 1, 2003, the commissioner shall appoint the directors of the~~
24 ~~division of community services, division of economic development and finance, and~~

~~division of workforce development.~~ Effective August 1, 2005, the commissioner shall appoint the director of the division of tourism. Each director appointed by the commissioner serves at the pleasure of the commissioner and is entitled to receive a salary set by the commissioner within the limits of legislative appropriations. Until ~~August 1, 2003, the governor shall appoint the directors of the division of community services, division of economic development and finance, and division of workforce development and~~ until August 1, 2005, the governor shall appoint the director of the division of tourism. The ~~individuals~~ director of the division of tourism who is appointed by the governor shall serve at the pleasure of the governor and ~~are~~ is entitled to receive a salary set by the governor within the limits of legislative appropriations.

SECTION 2. A new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Division of population growth. The primary duties of the division of population growth include increasing the number of individuals relocating to the state from other locations in North America. The secondary duties of the division of population growth include working to increase the number of individuals allowed under federal immigration law and policy to immigrate to the state.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY OF METHODS TO INCREASE ENTREPRENEURS IN THE STATE. The Legislative Council shall consider studying during the 2003-04 interim methods the state can take to attract entrepreneurs to the state, including the feasibility and desirability of establishing asset-based community development efforts at the state and local level.