Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## SENATE BILL NO. 2114

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Industry, Business and Labor Committee

(At the request of the Public Service Commission)

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 51-05.1-01.1 of the North Dakota Century
- 2 Code, relating to auctioneer and auction clerk license fees.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 51-05.1-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

51-05.1-01.1. Auctioneer's license - Clerk's license - Fees - Bonds. Application The initial application for an annual auctioneer's or clerk's license must be in writing, verified, and must show the name, residence, and address of the applicant. An application must be filed at least ten days prior to the first auction sale the applicant is to conduct or clerk. Application for renewal of an annual license must be on forms designated by the commission. The fee for the annual license or renewal is thirty five sixty dollars and must accompany the application. The name and license number must appear on all advertising of sales conducted by an auctioneer or clerk. Renewals that are not submitted received by January thirty-first must be assessed an additional twenty-five dollar fee.

Before a license is issued to an auctioneer or auction clerk, the applicant must file a corporate surety bond with the commission. This bond must provide annual coverage of not less than five thousand dollars for an auctioneer or ten thousand dollars for an auction clerk, must run to the state of North Dakota, and must be for the benefit of any person injured by the licensee's improper conduct. Bonds may not be canceled on less than sixty days' written notice to the commission. When a licensee states that it is bonded, the The size of the licensee's

21 bond must be <u>clearly and prominently</u> stated <u>in all contracts with sellers</u>.