

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2372

Introduced by

Senators Lindaas, Andrist

Representatives Aarsvold, Price

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to establishment of a responsible choice commission and a
3 comprehensive program to address impaired driving, alcohol and drug abuse, and other
4 destructive behavior; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Responsible choices commission - Objectives - Continuing appropriation.**

- 9 1. The governor shall appoint five members to the responsible choices commission.
10 Commission members shall serve a term of two years or until a successor is
11 appointed and qualified. Of the initial members appointed, the governor shall
12 appoint three members to a term of three years. The department of human
13 services shall provide staff services to the commission.
- 14 2. The responsible choices commission may contract with, or grant funds to, entities
15 within this state to discourage impaired driving, alcohol and drug abuse, tobacco
16 use, and other destructive behavior. The commission shall work with state
17 agencies, political subdivisions, and higher education institutions to provide a
18 network for dissemination of information and materials to further its mission. The
19 commission may provide funding for media campaigns; programs at college
20 campuses to promote no-use policy for students under age twenty-one, including
21 money for alcohol-free social events; financial assistance for community programs
22 and speakers to address avoidance of destructive behavior; and research to be
23 conducted by North Dakota institutions of higher education to identify effective
24 strategies to discourage destructive behavior.

- 1 3. The responsible choices commission may accept grants, gifts, equipment,
2 supplies, materials, or services from federal, state, or local government or private
3 sources. The responsible choices commission may request assistance from the
4 office of faith-based and community initiatives in seeking funding to support the
5 mission of the responsible choices commission. Any funding obtained by the
6 responsible choices commission is appropriated to the responsible choices
7 commission on a standing and continuing basis.