

SENATE BILL NO. 2317

Introduced by

Senator Warner

Representative Glassheim

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-21 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the establishment of a service center in the state capitol; to amend
3 and reenact section 54-05.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the payment of
4 registration fees by lobbyists; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-05.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **54-05.1-03. Registration as a lobbyist - Fee - Filing of information - Public**
9 **inspection - Certificate of registration.**

10 1. Any person who shall engage or be engaged by any other person either on a
11 part-time or on a full-time basis for any of the activities listed in section 54-05.1-02,
12 shall, before doing anything in furtherance of such purposes, register with the
13 secretary of state and receive a certificate of registration and a distinctive lobbyist
14 identification badge that must be prominently worn by the lobbyist when engaged
15 in any of the activities listed in section 54-05.1-02 while on the capitol grounds. In
16 lieu of wearing the official badge provided by the secretary of state, a lobbyist may
17 wear a reasonable reproduction of the official badge that contains the name of the
18 lobbyist and any of the following: the word lobbyist, the registration number of the
19 lobbyist, or the organization name of the lobbyist in characters no smaller than
20 one-quarter inch [6.35 millimeters]. The registrant shall state in writing the
21 registrant's full name and business address, the name and address of the person
22 or persons upon whose behalf the registrant appears, all persons, corporations,
23 limited liability companies, associations, groups, or organizations in whose interest
24 the registrant appears or works, the duration of such employment or appearances,

1 and by whom the registrant is paid or is to be paid. The registration period
2 commences on July first and expires on June thirtieth of the following calendar
3 year unless an earlier expiration date is requested by the registrant. Lobbyists
4 required to be registered shall file with the secretary of state, prior to the issuance
5 of a certificate of registration, a written authorization to act as lobbyist. Such
6 authorization must be signed by the person or official of the corporation, limited
7 liability company, association, group, or organization employing such lobbyist and
8 may be filed by facsimile transmission. The secretary of state shall charge a fee of
9 twenty dollars for registering each lobbyist and the first person or entity
10 represented by the lobbyist and an additional fee of five dollars for each
11 subsequent person or entity represented by the lobbyist.

12 2. Each entity represented by a lobbyist shall pay a fee of twenty-five dollars for each
13 registration period. The fee must be deposited in the office of management and
14 budget service center fund created under section 2 of this Act.

15 3. Each person registering to act as a lobbyist shall file, on or before August first
16 following the expiration of the registration period, with the secretary of state a
17 detailed report. The report must include a statement as to each expenditure, if
18 any, of fifty dollars or more expended on any single occasion during the legislative
19 session or the interim, as the case may be, on any individual in carrying out the
20 lobbyist's work or include a statement that no reportable expenditures were made
21 during the reporting period. A state official or agency may not require reporting of
22 lobbyist expenditures other than is required under this subsection. The secretary
23 of state shall provide a prescribed form for reporting pursuant to this chapter. The
24 secretary of state shall charge and collect fees for late filing of the detailed
25 expenditure report as follows:

- 26 a. Within sixty days after the date provided in this subsection for filing the
27 detailed expenditure report, twenty-five dollars;
- 28 b. Thereafter, fifty dollars; and
- 29 c. If any currently registered lobbyist fails to file a detailed expenditure report
30 and pay any late fee by October first, the lobbyist's registration is
31 automatically revoked. The lobbyist's registration may be reinstated if the

1 lobbyist thereafter files the detailed expenditure report and pays any
2 outstanding late fee.

3 ~~3.~~ 4. All information required to be filed under the provisions of this section with the
4 secretary of state and that previously filed must be compiled by the secretary of
5 state within forty days after the close of the period for which such information is
6 filed and such files must be open and accessible for public inspection during the
7 normal working hours.

8 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 54-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is
9 created and enacted as follows:

10 **Director to establish service center - Special fund - Continuing appropriation.**

11 1. The director of the office of management and budget shall establish or contract for
12 the establishment for a service center in the state capitol which must be open
13 during each regular legislative session. The service center must provide internet
14 access and photocopying and facsimile services. The service center may charge a
15 fee for any service provided.

16 2. There is created in the state treasury a special fund to be known as the office of
17 management and budget service center fund from which all moneys generated by
18 the operation of the service center established under this section must be
19 deposited. In addition, all funds received under subsection 2 of section 54-05.1-03
20 must be deposited in the fund. The moneys in the fund are appropriated on a
21 continuing basis for the purpose of supporting the establishment and operation of
22 the service center provided for under this section.