

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

Senator Andrist

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution to create and enact a new section to article X of the Constitution of
2 North Dakota, relating to the creation of a public health investment trust fund.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure provides for the creation of a public health investment trust fund that is to be used
5 for the funding of tobacco prevention and cessation efforts and other public health programs.

6 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF**
7 **REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

8 That the following proposed new section to article X of the Constitution of North Dakota
9 is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the next
10 statewide election, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North
11 Dakota.

12 **SECTION 1.** A new section to article X of the Constitution of North Dakota is created
13 and enacted as follows:

14 The public health investment trust fund is created in the state treasury. The fund
15 consists of the tobacco settlement dollars obtained by the state under section IX(c)(2) of the
16 agreement adopted by the east central judicial district court in its judgment entered
17 December 28, 1998 [Civil No. 98-3778]. Earnings on the fund must be credited to the fund and
18 deposited in the fund. The legislative assembly shall appropriate the earnings on the fund to
19 the state department of health for distribution to public health units for the purpose of providing
20 funds for tobacco prevention and cessation efforts and other public health programs. The
21 principal of the public health investment trust fund may not be expended before January 1,
22 2021, and then only for public health programs and only upon a two-thirds vote of the members
23 elected to each house of the legislative assembly.