Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2107

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Transportation Committee

(At the request of the Adjutant General)

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 37-17.1-23 and 39-10-03.2 of the North
- 2 Dakota Century Code, relating to the disaster or emergency loan funding process and removal
- 3 of department of emergency services from blue light rulemaking.

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

- 5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-17.1-23 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
- 7 37-17.1-23. Disaster or emergency recovery funding Loan authorization.
- 8 When approved by the emergency commission, the division of homeland security office 9 of the adjutant general is authorized to borrow from the Bank of North Dakota, to 10 match federal funds under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Emergency Assistance Act 11 [Public Law 93-288, as amended]. In addition to the principal repayment, the Bank of 12 North Dakota shall receive interest on the loan at a rate equal to other state agency 13 borrowings. On behalf of the state, the division of homeland securityoffice of the 14 adjutant general shall administer the disaster or emergency recovery program 15 according to state procedures based on federal laws or regulations. After a county or 16 group of counties have been declared a major disaster or emergency area by the 17 president, the division office of the adjutant general shall submit a request to the 18 emergency commission for:
 - a. Approval to make an application for a loan from the Bank of North Dakota;
 - Approval for additional personnel required to perform the anticipated recovery activities; and
 - c. Authority to spend additional state and federal funds for the recovery program.
 - 2. If the request is acceptable, the emergency commission shall approve the request and issue a notice of its action to the <u>divisionoffice of the adjutant general</u>, Bank of North

1 Dakota, and the office of management and budget. The division office of the adjutant 2 general shall keep the emergency commission apprised of the progress of the 3 recovery operation and submit a final report upon completion of the project. The 4 emergency commission office of the adjutant general is responsible to repay any loan, 5 including accrued interest, from the Bank of North Dakota which is provided under this 6 section. If at the end of the biennium a balance exists on the loan, the emergency-7 commission office of the adjutant general shall request the legislative assembly for a 8 deficiency appropriation to repay the loan. 9 SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 39-10-03.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is 10 amended and reenacted as follows: 11 39-10-03.2. Class C authorized emergency vehicles. 12 All class B specifications apply to class C authorized emergency vehicles except that a 13 rotating blue flashing light must be displayed in place of an amber light as provided in section 14 39-10-03.1. With respect to vehicles used by state and local disaster emergency services 15 personnel, the division of homeland security is responsible for adopting rules for the use of 16 flashing blue lights in accordance with chapter 28-32.