

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the attorney general;  
2 and to amend and reenact section 54-12-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the  
3 salary of the attorney general.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the  
6 funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in  
7 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal  
8 funds and other income, to the attorney general for the purpose of defraying the expenses of  
9 the attorney general, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999, as  
10 follows:

11 Salaries and wages	\$12,833,337
12 Operating expenses	4,606,400
13 Equipment	1,017,900
14 Grants	5,790,003
15 Arrest and return of fugitives	18,795
16 Controlled substance	4,000
17 Litigation fees	139,024
18 Gaming commission	19,400
19 Racing commission	219,744
20 National criminal history improvement project	1,135,781
21 Law enforcement programs	<u>620,701</u>
22 Total all funds	\$26,405,085
23 Less estimated income	<u>13,478,761</u>
24 Total general fund appropriation	\$12,926,324

1           **SECTION 2. FIRE AND TORNADO FUND.** The estimated income line item in  
2 section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$834,973, or so much of the sum as may be necessary  
3 from the state fire and tornado fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses related to the  
4 state fire marshal program.

5           **SECTION 3. ASSET FORFEITURE FUND.** The sum of \$30,000 is available from the  
6 asset forfeiture fund to the attorney general as included in estimated income of section 1 of this  
7 Act.

8           **SECTION 4. COLLECTIONS.** Section 1 of this Act includes the appropriation of up to  
9 \$15,000 in revenues collected from fees charged for gaming law and administrative rules  
10 manuals published by the attorney general for the period beginning July 1, 1997, and ending  
11 June 30, 1999.

12           **SECTION 5. LOCAL GAMING ENFORCEMENT GRANTS.** The attorney general,  
13 through the state treasurer's office, shall pay, from funds appropriated in the grants line item in  
14 section 1 of this Act, \$126,769 per quarter to cities and counties in proportion to the adjusted  
15 gross proceeds within each city, for sites within city limits, or within each county, for sites  
16 outside city limits, to the total adjusted gross proceeds for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997,  
17 and ending June 30, 1999. The attorney general may make a payment to a city or county  
18 pursuant to this section only if the amount owed to a city or county for that quarter is ten dollars  
19 or more. Any amounts received by a city or county under this section must be used by the city  
20 or county for expenses connected with gaming enforcement within the city or county.

21           **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-12-11 of the 1995 Supplement to the North  
22 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

23           **54-12-11. Salary of attorney general.** The annual salary of the attorney general is  
24 ~~fifty-nine~~ sixty-two thousand five hundred ~~seventy-six~~ ninety-two dollars through June 30, ~~1996~~  
25 1998, and ~~sixty~~ sixty-four thousand ~~seven~~ four hundred ~~sixty-eight~~ sixty-four dollars thereafter.