

**SENATE BILL NO. 2250**

Introduced by

Senators Mutzenberger, DeMers, T. Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 21-01 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the establishment of a health care programs trust fund; and to provide  
3 an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 23-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Health care programs trust fund - Appropriation.** The health care programs trust  
8 fund is a special fund in the state treasury. The state health council shall administer the fund.  
9 Ninety percent of the funds received by the state from the tobacco litigation settlement  
10 agreement entered as a result of litigation against tobacco industry companies and related  
11 entities must be deposited in the trust fund. The state treasurer shall invest the funds deposited  
12 in the trust fund as designated by the state health council, and the earnings must be deposited  
13 in the trust fund. The legislative assembly shall appropriate on a biennial basis the remaining  
14 ten percent of the tobacco settlement funds and the earnings from the trust fund to the state  
15 department of health for programs addressing health care needs in the state with an emphasis  
16 on prevention and health promotion programs. Before July first of each even-numbered year,  
17 the state health council shall submit to the governor and the legislative council a plan detailing  
18 suggested uses for the funds and earnings.