

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 4038

Introduced by

Senators Andrist, Grindberg, Kilzer, Triplett

Representatives Monson, Rust

(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
5 used for the funding of tobacco prevention and cessation efforts and other public health
6 programs.

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

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

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

15 The public health investment trust fund is created in the state treasury. The fund
16 consists of the tobacco settlement dollars obtained by the state after June 30, 2011, under
17 section IX(c)(2) of the agreement adopted by the east central judicial district court in its
18 judgment entered December 28, 1998 [Civil No. 98-3778]. On July 1, 2011, the state treasurer
19 shall transfer to the public health investment trust fund all tobacco settlement dollars obtained
20 by the state before July 1, 2011, which are unexpended and unobligated on July 1, 2011.
21 Earnings on the fund must be credited to the fund and deposited in the fund. The legislative
22 assembly shall appropriate the earnings on the fund for distribution to public health units for the
23 purpose of providing funds for tobacco prevention and cessation efforts and other public health
24 programs. The principal of the public health investment trust fund may not be expended before

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- 1 January 1, 2020, and then only for public health programs and only upon a two-thirds vote of
- 2 the members elected to each house of the legislative assembly.