

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2018

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1581-1587 of the Senate Journal and pages 1827-1833 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2018 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 9, after "exemption" insert "; and to declare an emergency"

Page 2, after line 29, insert:

**"SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the federal coronavirus relief fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$12,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the following purposes for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2023:

1. \$7,000,000 for tourism marketing and branding operating expenses.
2. \$1,000,000 for technical skills training grants.
3. \$2,000,000 for travel agent and tour operator emergency resiliency grants. Grants may be awarded only to travel agents that book commission-based travel for private individuals or companies, tour companies that schedule tour details and itineraries in North Dakota, or transportation companies providing transportation services to tour planners for tours originating in North Dakota or operators bringing tours into North Dakota. The department of commerce shall establish additional eligibility requirements for the program. The following organizations are ineligible for a grant under this subsection:
  - a. National companies that provide travel services to individuals in North Dakota but do not employ at least one individual in the state;
  - b. Corporations with staff dedicated to purchasing and arranging travel for employees;
  - c. Military-based travel agents or other individuals employed by government entities; and
  - d. Organizations that offer guided services and tours.
4. \$2,000,000 for event center emergency resiliency grants."

Page 6, after line 28, insert:

**"SECTION 18. EMERGENCY.** Section 3 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Re-number accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**