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of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1388

Introduced by

Representatives Heinert, Dockter, Ista, Meier, Novak, O'Brien, Richter, M. Ruby, Stemen

Senators Dever, Larson

1   A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-12 of the North Dakota

2   Century Code, relating to care for retired police dogs; to provide an appropriation; and to

3   provide an expiration date.

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

5   **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is created

6   and enacted as follows:

7   **Retired law enforcement dogs - Reimbursement.**

8   1.   The attorney general shall create a program to assist local and state law enforcement

9   dogs that are retired by reason of age or medical condition.

10   2.   The attorney general shall reimburse the handler of a law enforcement dog if the

11   handler:

12   a.   Is authorized to retain possession of a retired law enforcement dog in a private

13   setting at the handler's home; and

14   b.   Submits itemized receipts each quarter for medical bills, food, and other essential

15   needs of the law enforcement dog.

16   3.   Reimbursements under this section may not exceed one thousand dollars per retired

17   law enforcement dog per calendar year.

18   4.   The attorney general shall adopt any rules necessary to implement this section.

19   **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - ATTORNEY GENERAL - RETIRED LAW**

20   **ENFORCEMENT DOGS.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the

21   state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $30,000, or so much of the sum as may

22   be necessary, to the attorney general for the purpose of supporting retired law enforcement

23   dogs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

1   **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** Section 1 of this Act is effective through July 31, 2025,

2   and after that date is ineffective.