

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-34.3-03, subsection 1 of section 54-34.3-06,  
2 and section 54-60-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to creation of an international  
3 trade division of the department of commerce and services of the economic development and  
4 finance division North Dakota American Indian business development office; and to provide for  
5 a report to the legislative council.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-34.3-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **54-34.3-03. Division structure.** The division consists of:

- 10 1. A finance office;
- 11 2. ~~An international trade office; and~~
- 12 3. ~~Other, offices established by statute, and~~ offices that the director organizes and  
13 establishes as necessary to carry out most efficiently and effectively the mission  
14 and duties of the division.

15 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 54-34.3-06 of the North Dakota  
16 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 17 1. A North Dakota American Indian business development office to assist North  
18 Dakota American Indian tribal and individual economic development  
19 representatives, businesses, and ~~North Dakota American Indian~~ entrepreneurs  
20 with access to state and federal programs designed to assist ~~them~~ these business  
21 interests. The office shall provide services to assist in the formation of  
22 partnerships between American Indian and non-American Indian businesses.

23 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-60-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
24 amended and reenacted as follows:

1           **54-60-02. Department of commerce - Divisions.** The North Dakota department of  
2 commerce is created. ~~All records, materials, supplies, and equipment used by the division of~~  
3 ~~community services, department of economic development and finance, and the department of~~  
4 ~~tourism are transferred to the department.~~

5           1. The department must consist of:

- 6           a. A division of community services;  
7           b. A division of economic development and finance;  
8           c. A division of tourism;  
9           d. A division of workforce development; and  
10           e. A division of international trade; and  
11           f. Any division the commissioner determines necessary to carry out this chapter.

12           2. The commissioner shall appoint the director of any division ~~created by the~~  
13 ~~commissioner under subsection 1. Effective August 1, 2003, the commissioner~~  
14 ~~shall appoint the directors of the division of community services, division of~~  
15 ~~economic development and finance, and division of workforce development.~~  
16 ~~Effective August 1, 2005, the commissioner shall appoint the director of the division~~  
17 ~~of tourism. Each director appointed by the commissioner serves at the pleasure of~~  
18 ~~the commissioner and is entitled to receive a salary set by the commissioner within~~  
19 ~~the limits of legislative appropriations. Until August 1, 2003, the governor shall~~  
20 ~~appoint the directors of the division of community services, division of economic~~  
21 ~~development and finance, and division of workforce development and until~~  
22 ~~August 1, 2005, the governor shall appoint the director of the division of tourism.~~  
23 ~~The individuals appointed by the governor shall serve at the pleasure of the~~  
24 ~~governor and are entitled to receive a salary set by the governor within the limits of~~  
25 ~~legislative appropriations.~~

26           **SECTION 4. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.** During the 2005-06 interim, the  
27 commissioner of commerce shall report to the legislative council on the status of the North  
28 Dakota American Indian business development office and the status of the division of  
29 international trade, whether the North Dakota American Indian business development office and  
30 the division of international trade should continue, and whether there are potential changes that

- 1 could be made to enhance the support of American Indian businesses and to enhance the
- 2 support of international trade by North Dakota businesses.