

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-34.3-03, 54-34.3-06, and 54-60-02 of the
2 North Dakota Century Code, relating to creation of an international trade division of the
3 department of commerce and expansion of the economic development and finance division
4 North Dakota American Indian business development office; and to provide for a report to the
5 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~~ A North Dakota American Indian business development
12 office; ~~and~~
- 13 3. A North Dakota women's business development office; and
- 14 4. Other offices that the director organizes and establishes as necessary to carry out
15 most efficiently and effectively the mission and duties of the division.

16 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-34.3-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
17 amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **54-34.3-06. Division offices - Duties.** ~~The director shall organize and establish other~~
19 ~~offices as necessary to carry out most efficiently and effectively the mission and duties of the~~
20 ~~division, except that the division must contain:~~

- 21 1. A The North Dakota American Indian business development office ~~to~~ shall assist
22 North Dakota American Indian tribal and individual economic development
23 representatives, businesses, and ~~North Dakota American Indian~~ entrepreneurs
24 with access to state and federal programs designed to assist ~~them~~ these business

1 interests. The office shall provide services to assist in the formation of
2 partnerships between American Indian and non-American Indian businesses.

3 2. A The North Dakota women's business development office ~~to~~ shall develop and
4 administer the North Dakota women's business program,~~to~~ establish and fund the
5 women's business leadership council;~~;~~ certify women-owned businesses for
6 federal or state contracting; and ~~to~~ recruit, train, and assist women entrepreneurs
7 to develop and diversify their businesses. The office must have an administrator
8 and staff sufficient to implement the office's programs.

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

11 **54-60-02. Department of commerce - Divisions.** The North Dakota department of
12 commerce is created. ~~All records, materials, supplies, and equipment used by the division of~~
13 ~~community services, department of economic development and finance, and the department of~~
14 ~~tourism are transferred to the department.~~

15 1. The department must consist of:
16 a. A division of community services;
17 b. A division of economic development and finance;
18 c. A division of tourism;
19 d. A division of workforce development; ~~and~~
20 e. A division of international trade; and
21 f. Any division the commissioner determines necessary to carry out this chapter.
22 2. The commissioner shall appoint the director of any division created by the
23 commissioner under subsection 1. ~~Effective August 1, 2003, the commissioner~~
24 ~~shall appoint the directors of the division of community services, division of~~
25 ~~economic development and finance, and division of workforce development.~~
26 ~~Effective August 1, 2005, the commissioner shall appoint the director of the division~~
27 ~~of tourism.~~ Each director ~~appointed by the commissioner~~ serves at the pleasure of
28 the commissioner and is entitled to receive a salary set by the commissioner within
29 the limits of legislative appropriations. ~~Until August 1, 2003, the governor shall~~
30 ~~appoint the directors of the division of community services, division of economic~~
31 ~~development and finance, and division of workforce development and until~~

1 ~~August 1, 2005, the governor shall appoint the director of the division of tourism.~~
2 ~~The individuals appointed by the governor shall serve at the pleasure of the~~
3 ~~governor and are entitled to receive a salary set by the governor within the limits of~~
4 ~~legislative appropriations.~~

5 **SECTION 4. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.** During the 2005-06 interim, the
6 commissioner of commerce shall report to the legislative council on the status of the North
7 Dakota American Indian business development office and the status of the division of
8 international trade, whether the North Dakota American Indian business development office and
9 the division of international trade should continue, and whether there are potential changes that
10 could be made to enhance the support of American Indian businesses and to enhance the
11 support of international trade by North Dakota businesses.