## FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1302

Introduced by

Representatives Hawken, Weiler

Senator Hacker

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 47-16-07.1 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to security deposits.

## 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 47-16-07.1 of the North Dakota
Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- The lessor of real property or a dwelling who requires money as a security deposit,
   however denominated, shall deposit the money in a federally insured
- 8 interest-bearing savings or checking account for the benefit of the tenant. The
- 9 security deposit and any interest accruing on the deposit must be paid to the
- 10 lessee upon termination of a lease, subject to the conditions of subsection 2. A
- 11 lessor may not demand or receive security, however denominated, in an amount or
- 12 value in excess of one month's rent, except if the lessee is housing a pet on the
- 13 leased premises, the security may not exceed one the greater of two thousand five
- 14 hundred dollars <u>or an amount equivalent to two months' rent</u>.