

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1150**

Introduced by

Representatives Tveit, Damschen, Laning

Senators O. Larsen, Wanzek

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 lessor security deposit limitations.

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

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

6 1. The lessor of real property or a dwelling who requires money as a security deposit,  
7 however denominated, shall deposit the money in a federally insured interest-bearing  
8 savings or checking account for the benefit of the tenant. The security deposit and any  
9 interest accruing on the deposit must be paid to the lessee upon termination of a  
10 lease, subject to the conditions of subsection 2. A lessor may not demand or receive  
11 security, however denominated, in an amount or value in excess of one month's rent,  
12 except a:

13 a. A lessor may accept an amount or value up to two month's rent, as security, from  
14 an individual convicted of a felony offense as an incentive to rent the property to  
15 the individual.

16 b. A lessor may demand an amount or value up to two months rent, as security,  
17 from an individual who has had a judgment entered against that individual for  
18 violating the terms of a previous rental agreement.