

Introduced by

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

(At the request of the State Historical Society)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-10-62 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the nickel trophy; and to provide an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-10-62 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15-10-62. Nickel trophy.**

7 To promote national recognition and statewide enthusiasm, the legislative assembly
8 encourages the university of North Dakota and the North Dakota state university of agriculture
9 and applied science to play for ~~the nickel~~ a state-owned trophy during the course of a national
10 collegiate athletic association football game. ~~If the athletic director or president of either~~
11 ~~institution elects not to play for the nickel trophy, the~~ The nickel trophy must be permanently
12 displayed in the heritage center ~~acquired by the state historical society and become part of the~~
13 ~~state historical society's permanent collection, unless on temporary loan from the heritage~~
14 center. If the athletic director or president of both institutions fail to elect to play for a different
15 state-owned trophy, the nickel trophy must be loaned to the victor of the football game each
16 year beginning with the football game in the fall of 2023. If the state loans the nickel trophy to
17 either university, the university shall accept the trophy and display the trophy in the university's
18 student union, or other prominent location on campus, for public viewing.

19 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on August 1, 2023.