

FIRST ENGROSSMENT**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2024**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of
2 environmental quality; and to amend and reenact section 23.1-13-16 of the North Dakota
3 Century Code, relating to inspection fees.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
6 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
7 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and
8 federal funds, to the department of environmental quality for the purpose of defraying the
9 expenses of the department of environmental quality, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025,
10 and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
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12			
13	Salaries and wages	\$38,756,030	\$4,479,208
14	New and vacant FTE pool	0	2,290,870
15	Operating expenses	15,457,832	6,395,874
16	Capital assets	1,013,500	3,650,100
17	Grants	<u>37,198,118</u>	<u>22,740,341</u>
18	Total all funds	\$92,425,480	\$39,556,393
19	Less other funds	<u>76,074,697</u>	<u>37,031,440</u>
20	Total general fund	\$16,350,783	\$18,875,736
21	Full-time equivalent positions	173.00	2.00
			175.00

1 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO**

2 **SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding
3 items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in the entity's
4 base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which the entity shall report to the appropriations
5 committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

6 <u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>Total Other Funds</u>
7 Move to new chemistry laboratory	\$1,500,000
8 New chemistry laboratory capital assets	1,375,000
9 New chemistry laboratory operating expenses	700,186
10 Emerging contaminants program equipment	943,200
11 Petroleum tank database	700,000
12 State fuel inspection program capital assets	215,000
13 Water and wastewater operator certification program	<u>5,000</u>
14 Grand total other funds	\$5,438,386

15 **SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.** The
16 department of environmental quality may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant
17 FTE pool line item in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and
18 budget to transfer funds from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to the salaries and wages
19 line item in accordance with the guidelines and reporting provisions included in House Bill
20 No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

21 **SECTION 4. OTHER FUNDS - ENVIRONMENT AND RANGELAND PROTECTION FUND.**

22 The other funds line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$250,000 from the
23 environment and rangeland protection fund. This amount includes \$50,000 for a grant to the
24 North Dakota stockmen's association environmental services program.

25 **SECTION 5. OTHER FUNDS - PETROLEUM TANK RELEASE COMPENSATION FUND.**

26 The other funds line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$1,827,025 from the
27 petroleum tank release compensation fund for expenses related to the petroleum tank release
28 program.

29 **SECTION 6. OTHER FUNDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND.**

30 The other funds line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$3,575,186 from the
31 strategic investment and improvements fund for expenses related to moving into the new

1 chemistry laboratory and for chemistry laboratory operating expenses and equipment
2 purchases.

3 **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Section 23.1-13-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is
4 amended and reenacted as follows:

5 **23.1-13-16. Inspection fees.**

6 Every person licensed by the tax commissioner as a motor vehicle fuel or special fuels
7 dealer shall pay to the tax commissioner an inspection fee of one-fortieth of one cent per gallon
8 [3.79 liters] for every gallon [3.79 liters] of gasoline, kerosene, tractor fuel, heating oil, or diesel
9 fuel sold or used during a calendar month except those gallons sold out of state or those
10 gallons sold as original package sales as defined in chapters 57-43.1 and 57-43.2. The fee
11 must accompany the monthly report required in the following section and is due no later than
12 the twenty-fifth day of each calendar month for the preceding month. The tax commissioner
13 shall forward all money collected under this section to the state treasurer monthly, and the state
14 treasurer shall ~~place the money in the general fund of the state~~deposit the funds in the
15 department of environmental quality operating fund. The funds must be used, subject to
16 legislative appropriations, for the state fuel inspection program. The tax commissioner shall
17 make available annually a report by licensed dealer listing the number of gallons [liters] of motor
18 vehicle fuel and special fuels upon which the inspection fee has been paid. The provisions of
19 chapters 57-43.1 and 57-43.2 pertaining to the administration of motor vehicle fuel and special
20 fuels taxes not in conflict with the provisions of this chapter govern the administration of the
21 inspection fee levied by this chapter.