

SECTION __. AMENDMENT. Section 54-27-25 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-27-25. Tobacco settlement trust fund - Interest on fund - Uses.

There is created in the state treasury a tobacco settlement trust fund. The fund consists of the tobacco settlement dollars obtained by the state under subsection IX(c)(1) of the master settlement agreement and consent agreement adopted by the east central judicial district court in its judgment entered December 28, 1998 [Civil No. 98-3778] in State of North Dakota, ex rel. Heidi Heitkamp v. Philip Morris, Inc. Moneys received by the state under subsection IX(c)(1) must be deposited in the fund. Moneys in the fund must be transferred within thirty days of receipt by the state to a community health trust fund. Moneys in the fund may be appropriated for community-based public health programs and other public health programs, including programs with emphasis on preventing or reducing tobacco usage in this state, and for the enforcement of the master settlement agreement and consent agreement and any disputes with the agreement.

SECTION __. ESTIMATED INCOME – TRANSFER FROM THE COMMUNITY HEALTH TRUST FUND.

The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes \$239,716 from the community health trust fund for defraying expenses related to enforcing the master settlement agreement and any disputes with the agreement. On July 1, 2025, the office of management and budget shall transfer the funds from the community health trust fund to the attorney general operating fund.