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Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

BILL NO.

Introduced by

Senators Hogue, Bekkedahl

Representatives Lefor, Vigesaa, Weisz

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the state historical society for the North Dakota military museum project; to amend and reenact section 55-01-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to jurisdiction of the heritage center; to authorize a line of credit; to provide for a report; and to provide an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LINE OF CREDIT - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA - APPROPRIATION - STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY - NORTH DAKOTA MILITARY MUSEUM PROJECT - DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION REQUEST - ONE-TIME FUNDING - REPORT.

1. Subject to the provisions of this section, the state historical society may borrow up to $35,000,000 through a line of credit from the Bank of North Dakota during the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2027, the proceeds of which are appropriated to the state historical society, for the purpose of the North Dakota military museum project for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2027. The appropriation in this section is considered a one-time funding item.
2. The interest rate on the line of credit may not exceed the prevailing interest rate charged to North Dakota governmental entities. If the state historical society accesses the line of credit, the state historical society shall repay the line of credit from other funds derived from donations appropriated by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly to the state historical society in House Bill No. 1018. If the amount of donations collected through March 31, 2029, is not sufficient to repay the line of credit and accrued interest, the state historical society shall request a deficiency appropriation from the seventy-first legislative assembly for the remaining balance and repay the line of credit by June 30, 2029.

3. The capital grounds planning commission shall:
   a. Oversee and have final decisionmaking authority regarding the North Dakota military museum project;
   b. Collaborate with the state historical society and adjutant general on the project; and
   c. Use the office of management and budget for construction management of the project.
4. The state historical society shall report to the budget section on a quarterly basis during the 2027-28 interim information regarding the North Dakota military museum project, including the status of construction, amounts spent by funding source, the amount drawn on all lines of credit authorized for the project, donations pledged, donations received, projected donations, and the anticipated project completion date.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 55-01-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

55-01-02.1. Society to have jurisdiction over heritage center.

1. The society has jurisdiction over the administration and operations of the North Dakota heritage center building. The director of the office of management and budget is responsible for maintenance of the heritage center building.
2. The society, in consultation with the adjutant general, is responsible for all public displays, signage, and museum content for the North Dakota military ~~gallery~~museum within the North Dakota heritage center building. The society and the adjutant general shall enter a memorandum of agreement to establish policies on public displays, signage, and museum content for the military ~~gallery~~museum. The regimental room of the military ~~gallery~~museum must be named the North Dakota national guard regimental room. The society may name other rooms, displays, galleries, and other areas of the military museum but may not authorize donor naming rights for any part of the military museum without prior approval from the emergency commission and budget section.
3. The society shall maintain the collections displayed and stored at the heritage center and shall provide, or arrange, for the security of those collections.

4. The society shall establish a policy that authorizes the consumption of alcoholic beverages, including distilled spirits as defined in section 5-01-01, at the heritage center during an event that is open only to invited guests and if the alcoholic beverages are dispensed by a qualified alcoholic beverage licensee.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act becomes effective immediately upon its filing with the secretary of state.