

**SENATE BILL NO. 2175**

Introduced by

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Representative Zubke

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 53-06.1-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to eligible uses of net proceeds by licensed gaming organizations.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 53-06.1-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **53-06.1-11.1. Restricted use of money in certain political activities - Eligible uses of**  
7 **net proceeds.**

- 8 1. A licensed organization or an organization that has a permit may not use money from  
9 any source for placing an initiated or referred measure on a ballot or for a political  
10 campaign to promote or oppose a person for public office. Except for a use related to  
11 an organization's primary purpose, a licensed organization or organization that has a  
12 permit may not use net proceeds to influence legislation or promote or oppose  
13 referendums or initiatives. Any funds expended by a licensed organization or an  
14 organization that has a permit to promote or oppose an initiated or referred measure  
15 that is on the ballot or for any activities of a lobbyist under section 54-05.1-02, that are  
16 not compensation or expenses paid to a lobbyist, and that are not required to be  
17 reported under section 54-05.1-03 must be reported to the attorney general as  
18 prescribed by the attorney general. A violation of this subsection subjects an  
19 organization to a suspension of its license or permit for up to one year.
- 20 2. A licensed organization or an organization that has a charity local permit shall disburse  
21 net proceeds within the period prescribed by rule and for only these educational,  
22 charitable, patriotic, fraternal, religious, or public-spirited uses:

- 1           a.    Uses for stimulating and promoting state and community-based economic
- 2                    development programs within the state which improve the quality of life of
- 3                    community residents.
- 4           b.    Uses for developing, promoting, and supporting tourism within a city, county, or
- 5                    the state.
- 6           c.    Uses benefiting an indefinite number of persons by bringing them under the
- 7                    influence of education, cultural programs, or religion which include disbursements
- 8                    to provide:
- 9                    (1)   Scholarships for students, if the disbursement is deposited in a scholarship
- 10                    fund for defraying the cost of education to students and the scholarships are
- 11                    awarded through an open and fair selection process.
- 12                    (2)   Supplementary assistance to a public or private nonprofit educational
- 13                    institution registered with or accredited by any state.
- 14                    (3)   Assistance to libraries and museums.
- 15                    (4)   Assistance for the performing arts and humanities.
- 16                    (5)   Preservation of cultural heritage.
- 17                    (6)   Youth community, social welfare, and athletic activities.
- 18                    (7)   Adult amateur athletic activities within the state, including team uniforms
- 19                    and equipment.
- 20                    (8)   Maintenance of places of public worship or support of a body of
- 21                    communicants, gathered in common membership for mutual support and
- 22                    edification in piety, worship, or religious observances.
- 23                    (9)   Scientific research.
- 24           d.    Uses benefiting an indefinite number of persons by relieving them of disease,
- 25                    suffering, or constraint which include disbursements to provide:
- 26                    (1)   Assistance to an individual or family suffering from poverty or
- 27                    homelessness.
- 28                    (2)   Encouragement and enhancement of the active participation of the elderly in
- 29                    our society.
- 30                    (3)   Services to the abused.

- 1 (4) Services to persons with an addicted behavior toward alcohol, gambling, or  
2 drugs.
- 3 (5) Funds to combat juvenile delinquency and rehabilitate ex-offenders.
- 4 (6) Relief for the sick, diseased, and terminally ill and their physical well-being.
- 5 (7) Funds for emergency relief and volunteer services.
- 6 (8) Funds to nonprofit nursing homes, nonprofit day care centers, and nonprofit  
7 medical facilities.
- 8 (9) Social services and education programs aimed at aiding emotionally and  
9 physically distressed, handicapped, elderly, and underprivileged persons.
- 10 (10) Funds for crime prevention, fire protection and prevention, and public safety.
- 11 (11) Funds to relieve, improve, and advance the physical and mental conditions,  
12 care and medical treatment, and health and welfare of injured or disabled  
13 veterans.
- 14 e. Uses that perpetuate the memory and history of the dead.
- 15 f. Uses increasing comprehension of and devotion to the principles upon which the  
16 nation was founded, ~~not of direct benefit to the eligible organization or any~~  
17 ~~member thereof which include~~ including disbursements to aid in teaching the  
18 principles of liberty, truth, justice, and equality. However, beauty pageants do not  
19 qualify.
- 20 g. The erection or maintenance of public buildings, facilities, utilities, or waterworks.
- 21 h. Uses lessening the burden of government which include disbursements to an  
22 entity that is normally funded by a city, county, state, or United States government  
23 and disbursements directly to a government entity or its agency.
- 24 i. Uses benefiting a definite number of persons who are the victims of loss of home  
25 or household possessions through explosion, fire, flood, or storm and the loss is  
26 not covered by insurance.
- 27 j. Uses benefiting a definite number of persons suffering from a seriously disabling  
28 disease or injury causing severe loss of income or incurring extraordinary  
29 medical expense which is not covered by insurance.
- 30 k. Uses, for community service projects, by chambers of commerce exempt from  
31 federal income tax under section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. A

- 1 project qualifies if it develops or promotes public services, including education,  
2 housing, transportation, recreation, crime prevention, fire protection and  
3 prevention, safety, tourism, and health. Uses that directly benefit a chamber of  
4 commerce do not qualify.
- 5 I. Uses for or of benefit to efforts in support of the health, comfort, or well-being of  
6 the community which include disbursements to provide:
- 7 (1) Funds for adult bands, including drum and bugle corps.  
8 (2) Funds for trade shows and conventions conducted in this state.  
9 (3) Funds for nonprofit organizations that operate a humane society, zoo, or fish  
10 or wildlife reproduction and habitat enhancement program.  
11 (4) Funds for public transportation, community celebration, and recreation.  
12 (5) Funds for preservation and cleanup of the environment.
- 13 m. To the extent net proceeds are used toward the primary purpose of a charitable,  
14 educational, religious, public safety, or public-spirited organization, or are used  
15 for a veterans or public cemetery by a veterans organization, that has obtained a  
16 final determination from the internal revenue service as qualifying for exemption  
17 from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) of the Internal  
18 Revenue Code, the organization may establish a special trust fund or foundation  
19 as a contingency for funding or maintaining the organization's future program  
20 services should the organization discontinue conducting games or dissolve.
- 21 n. Uses for a fundraising activity unrelated to an organization's primary purpose  
22 provided that the gross revenue from the activity is disbursed to uses prescribed  
23 by this subsection.
- 24 3. ~~The~~With the exception of a veterans organization, the uses in subsection 2 do not  
25 include the erection, acquisition, improvement, maintenance, or repair of real or  
26 personal property owned or leased by an organization unless it is used exclusively for  
27 an eligible use.
- 28 4. A licensed organization or recipient of net proceeds may not use net proceeds for  
29 administrative or operating expenses involving the conduct of games.