Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1140

Introduced by

Representatives Klemin, Devlin, Keiser, Roers Jones Senators Dwyer, Larson, Lee

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-12-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,
- 2 relating to contingent fee arrangements.

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

- 4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-12-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
- 5 amended and reenacted as follows:
- 6 54-12-08.1. Contingent fee arrangements.
- 7 The attorney general may not appoint or allow to be employed a special assistant attorney
- 8 general in a civil case in which the amount in controversy exceeds one hundred fifty-
- 9 thousandmillion dollars and the special assistant attorney general is compensated by a
- 10 contingent fee arrangement, unless the contingent fee arrangement is approved by the
- 11 emergency commission. A state governmental entity may not contract for legal services that are
- 12 compensated by a contingent fee arrangement, unless the entity receives an appointment from
- 13 the attorney general for a special assistant attorney general for each case in which there is a
- 14 contingent fee arrangement. Any proceeding or information used by the emergency commission
- 15 under this section is not subject to sections 44-04-18 and 44-04-19, unless made public by
- 16 order of the emergency commission.