

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a department of commerce North Dakota tribal tourism alliance
3 program; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **North Dakota tribal tourism alliance program.**

8 The department shall establish and administer a North Dakota tribal tourism alliance
9 program to assist tribal governments in the promotion of tourism on Indian reservations in the
10 state and to coordinate tourism efforts, when appropriate, between the state and the tribal
11 governments. As part of the program, the department may award grants to the tribal
12 governments of Indian reservations in this state for the purpose of conducting and administering
13 tribal tourism programs that benefit the tribal nations within the state, benefit tourism in general
14 in the state, and complement the state's tourism efforts.

15 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
16 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$6,000,000, or so much of the
17 sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of implementing the
18 North Dakota tribal tourism alliance program under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium
19 beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017. Of the amount appropriated under this
20 section, the department may not award more than \$1,000,000 to any one tribal government for
21 the purpose of conducting a tribal tourism program and may not award more than \$200,000 to
22 any one tribal government for the administrative costs of conducting the tribal tourism program.