

**SECOND ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments
REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2353**

Introduced by

Senators Miller, Dotzenrod, Oehlke, Unruh

Representative Gruchalla

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 37-17.3 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to statewide integrated radio communication; to provide for a legislative
3 management study; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 37-17.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Legislative declaration - Statewide integrated radio communication system service.**

8 The legislative assembly finds that effective radio communication is vital to public safety
9 and effective emergency response and law enforcement and declares that a statewide
10 integrated radio communication system will more effectively serve the goals of law enforcement
11 and emergency response personnel and thereby better serve the people of North Dakota.
12 Existing radio systems operated by local jurisdictions serve those jurisdictions adequately, but
13 do not provide the protection and benefits to the citizens of North Dakota that new digital
14 networks being utilized in neighboring states offer.

15 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 37-17.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
16 and enacted as follows:

17 **North Dakota statewide interoperability executive committee.**

18 1. The statewide interoperability executive committee consists of:

19 a. The director of state radio or a designee;

20 b. The director of the division of homeland security or a designee;

21 c. The superintendent of the highway patrol or a designee;

22 d. The adjutant general or a designee;

23 e. The director of the department of transportation or a designee;

24 f. A representative of the North Dakota sheriff's and deputies association;

- 1 g. A representative of the North Dakota emergency managers association;
- 2 h. A representative of the North Dakota fire chiefs association;
- 3 i. A representative of the North Dakota emergency medical services association;
- 4 j. A representative of the North Dakota police chiefs association;
- 5 k. A representative of the North Dakota peace officers association;
- 6 l. A representative of the North Dakota 911 association; and
- 7 m. The North Dakota chief information officer or a designee.
- 8 2. The committee shall elect a chairman and vice chairman for terms of two years upon
- 9 its initial meeting. The adjutant general shall call and convene the initial meeting.
- 10 3. The committee shall prepare recommendations regarding a statewide integrated radio
- 11 system with due consideration for all stakeholders reliant upon a radio communication
- 12 system.

13 **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY.** During the 2013-14 interim, to assist
14 with the development of a statewide interoperability plan, the legislative management shall
15 consider studying issues relating to the development of the current radio communication plan,
16 its costs and components, and evolving technologies that will better serve the public. The study
17 must include the input of stakeholders statewide, including local city, local county, and state
18 public service and public safety entities, including those members represented on the statewide
19 interoperability executive committee. The legislative management shall report its findings and
20 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
21 the sixty-fourth legislative assembly.

22 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
23 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$25,000, or so much of the
24 sum as may be necessary, to the department of emergency services for the purpose of paying
25 the costs of the members of the statewide interoperability executive committee expenses,
26 including travel expenses, in providing an inventory of technologies used for radio
27 communications, and with the remainder to the department of homeland security to analyze
28 information, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.