

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1140
(Representatives Klemin, Devlin, Keiser, Roers Jones)
(Senators Dwyer, Larson, Lee)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 54-12-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to contingent fee arrangements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 54-12-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-12-08.1. Contingent fee arrangements.

The attorney general may not appoint or allow to be employed a special assistant attorney general in a civil case in which the amount in controversy exceeds one ~~hundred fifty thousand~~ million dollars and the special assistant attorney general is compensated by a contingent fee arrangement, unless the contingent fee arrangement is approved by the emergency commission. A state governmental entity may not contract for legal services that are compensated by a contingent fee arrangement, unless the entity receives an appointment from the attorney general for a special assistant attorney general for each case in which there is a contingent fee arrangement. Any proceeding or information used by the emergency commission under this section is not subject to sections 44-04-18 and 44-04-19, unless made public by order of the emergency commission.

Kim A. Hogebum
Speaker of the House

Ben Sford
President of the Senate

Bull T. Reisk
Chief Clerk of the House

Chandra Morgan
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1140.

House Vote: Yeas 88 Nays 6 Absent 0

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

Bull T. Reisk
Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at 2:16 PM. on March 12, 2021.

Approved at 3:39 PM. on March 17, 2021.

Doug Burgum
Governor

Filed in this office this 18th day of March, 2021,

at 8:49 o'clock A. M.

Alvin Daegen
Secretary of State