Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## SENATE BILL NO. 2310

Introduced by

Senators Magrum, Paulson

Representatives S. Olson, VanWinkle

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 32-12.2 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to state reimbursement for the cost of claims; and to provide for
- 3 application.

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

5 SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 32-12.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

## 7 <u>State reimbursement for cost of claims.</u>

- 8 <u>1.</u> Notwithstanding section 32-12.2-02, if a claimant prevails in a claim against the state,
- 9 the state shall reimburse the claimant for all reasonable court costs incurred, including

10 <u>attorney's fees. The reimbursement is not an independent cause of action.</u>

- 12 <u>2.</u> <u>To obtain reimbursement, the claimant shall make a motion for reimbursement</u>
- 12 following the verdict. If the court determines the claimant prevailed in the claim, the
- 13 <u>court shall order the state to reimburse the claimant.</u>
- 14 SECTION 2. APPLICATION. This Act applies to claims filed against the state after the

15 effective date of this Act.