

**Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the
Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven**

SENATE BILL NO. 2074
(Appropriations Committee)
(At the request of the Workers Compensation Bureau)

AN ACT to require the workers compensation bureau to submit to independent performance audits on a biennial basis.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. Independent audit. The state auditor shall appoint on a biennial basis an independent audit firm, with extensive expertise in workers' compensation practices and standards, to complete a performance audit of the departments of the bureau. The audit must evaluate departments of the bureau, as determined necessary by the state auditor, to determine whether the departments are providing quality service in an efficient and cost-effective manner. The audit report must contain recommendations for departmental improvement or an explanation of why no recommendations are being made. The executive director of the bureau and the auditor shall present the audit report and any action taken as a result to the legislative council's legislative audit and fiscal review committee and to the house and senate industry, business and labor standing committees during the next regular session of the legislative assembly following the audit. The executive director also shall provide a copy of the audit report to the state auditor.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2074.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 2

House Vote: Yeas 87 Nays 6 Absent 4

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 1997.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1997.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1997,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State