

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1026

Page 1, line 3, after the semicolon insert "to create and enact a new section to chapter 65-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a continuing appropriation for allocated loss adjustment expenses;"

Page 2, after line 3, insert:

"SECTION 4. A new section to chapter 65-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Allocated loss adjustment expenses - Continuing appropriation - Annual review. Money in the workers' compensation fund is appropriated on a continuing basis for the payment of all allocated loss adjustment expenses experienced by the bureau in its administration of this title. In its annual audit and its biennial report, the bureau shall include a breakdown of those allocated loss adjustment expenses that reflect the attorney fees and costs paid to attorneys who represent injured workers, the attorney fees and costs paid to attorneys with whom it contracts to represent the bureau, the amount paid for administrative law judges for hearings, and the court reporter and other legal expenses paid. The performance audit required under 1997 Senate Bill No. 2074 must include a review of the bureau's legal costs to determine whether the system is operating efficiently."

Page 2, line 9, remove the overstrike over "~~state of North Dakota~~" and remove "adjutant general"

Page 2, line 10, remove "of the North Dakota national guard as the North Dakota wing of the civil air patrol"

Page 2, line 12, replace "it" with "the adjutant general"

Page 2, line 13, replace "its" with "the"

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

DEPARTMENT 485 - WORKERS COMPENSATION BUREAU

SENATE - This amendment adds a new section to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 65-02. The new section provides the bureau with a continuing appropriation from the workers' compensation fund. The continuing appropriation is for the payment of allocated loss adjustment expenses. The section also requires the bureau's annual audit and biennial report include a schedule of allocated loss adjustment expenses paid by the bureau. The section also provides that the bureau's biennial performance audit review the legal costs of the bureau to determine if the system is operating efficiently.

The amendment also removes the requirement added in the House that excess Civil Air Patrol workers' compensation liabilities be an obligation of the Adjutant General rather than the state of North Dakota.