

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2237
(Senators DeMers, Wardner)
(Representatives Gorder, Winrich)

AN ACT to create and enact two new sections to chapter 54-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to public employee emergency services volunteers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 54-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Emergency services volunteers - Leave. Upon issuance of an order or proclamation declaring a state of disaster or emergency pursuant to chapter 37-17.1, or a declaration of at least a level II disaster by the American red cross in this or any other state, the executive officer in charge of a state agency or the governing body of any political subdivision may grant a leave of absence to any full-time employee of that governmental entity who is an emergency medical service provider, a member of the civil air patrol, a firefighter, police officer, or emergency radio operator, or who performs other services necessary in an emergency. The leave of absence must be for the purpose of allowing that employee to provide voluntary emergency services. A person on leave under this section is not deemed to be an employee of the governmental entity for the purposes of workers' compensation. The cumulative leave granted under this section may not exceed five working days during any calendar year. The leave may not result in a loss of compensation, seniority, annual leave, sick leave, or accrued overtime for which the employee is otherwise eligible.

SECTION 2. A new section to chapter 54-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Emergency service volunteers - Temporary leave for firefighters, emergency radio operators, medical service providers, and civil air patrol. The executive officer in charge of a state agency or the governing body of any political subdivision may grant temporary short-term leave with compensation to any full-time employee of that governmental entity for the purpose of allowing the employee to respond to an emergency call if the employee is a volunteer emergency medical service provider, firefighter, emergency radio operator, or a member of the civil air patrol.

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-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2237.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 2

House Vote: Yeas 96 Nays 0 Absent 2

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1999,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State