

**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**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1266  
(Representative Berg)

AN ACT relating to the expenditure of bureau funds for capital purchases; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to provide an expiration date.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. Purchase of building and property - Authority.** The bureau may contract to purchase a building and property to house its operations only if the following requirements are satisfied:

1. Completion of a certified appraisal of the building and property to be purchased;
2. Completion of a physical inspection of the building to be purchased demonstrating that the building is structurally sound and suitable for housing bureau operations;
3. Completion of a cost-benefit analysis demonstrating that purchasing a building and property would be economically advantageous in that it would generate a higher yield compared to investing the anticipated purchase price with the same investment allocation as the workers' compensation fund;
4. The cost-benefit analysis must consider alternative locations to house bureau operations;
5. The building and property purchase must include adequate land to satisfy parking requirements of bureau staff and anticipated visitors; and
6. Approval of the purchase by the workers compensation board of directors after consideration of the certified appraisal, physical inspection report, and cost-benefit analysis.

**SECTION 2. CONTINUING APPROPRIATION.** Money in the workers' compensation fund is hereby appropriated on a continuing basis to defray the costs of a purchase under this Act. The independent annual financial audit of the bureau must report any expenditures made pursuant to this Act.

**SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through July 31, 2003, and after that date is ineffective.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1266.

House Vote:      Yeas    62      Nays    34      Absent    2

Senate Vote:    Yeas    33      Nays    16      Absent    0

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State