

Fifty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1419

Introduced by

Representatives Berg, Dosch, Ruby, Severson

Senators Cook, Klein

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative council study of workers' compensation insurance
2 study; and to provide for an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

5 **INSURANCE.** The legislative council shall contract with an industry expert during the 2001-02
6 interim to conduct an independent study of the effects of competition on workers' compensation
7 premiums, anticipated impacts on rates, service provided to injured workers, and coverage of
8 small, medium, and large employers. The independent study must determine whether the state
9 has a large enough economic base to support workers' compensation competition and the
10 feasibility and desirability of allowing employers to obtain private insurance or be self-insured
11 for purposes of workers' compensation. The legislative council shall report its
12 recommendations to the fifty-eighth legislative assembly and to the workers compensation
13 board of directors.

14 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
15 workers' compensation fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of
16 \$150,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the legislative council for the
17 purpose of funding the study of workers' compensation insurance under section 1 of this Act,
18 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003.