

SENATE BILL NO. 2065
with House Amendments
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Introduced by

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 44-08-04 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to officer and employee claims for meals.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 44-08-04 of the North Dakota Century
5 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 1. Except as provided in section 44-08-04.1, each elective or appointive officer,
7 employee, representative, or agent of this state, or of any of its subdivisions, agencies,
8 bureaus, boards, or commissions, may make claim for meals and lodging while
9 engaged in the discharge of a public duty away from the claimant's normal working
10 and living residence for all or any part of any quarter of a day. Claims may also be
11 made for meals that are included as part of a registration fee for a conference,
12 seminar, or other meeting and for meals attended at the request of and on behalf of
13 the state or any of its subdivisions, agencies, bureaus, boards, or commissions;
14 however, if a meal is included in a registration fee, the applicable quarter allowance
15 cannot be claimed for that meal. Claims for meals specifically included in a registration
16 fee for a conference, seminar, or other meeting must be allowed even if the city at
17 which the conference, seminar, or meeting is held or the meal is provided is the
18 claimant's normal working and living residence. If a higher education athletic team or
19 other organized institution organization group meal is attended at the request of and
20 on behalf of the institution, actual expenses for the entire group, including coaches,
21 trainers, and other employees, may be paid or submitted for payment on a team or
22 group travel expense report; subsection 2 does not apply; and officers and employees
23 are not required to document individual expenses or submit individual travel
24 reimbursement vouchers. Reimbursement is allowed only for overnight travel or other

- 1 travel, away from the normal place of employment, for four hours or more. Verification
- 2 of expenses by receipt is required only for lodging expenses.