

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Conference Committee Amendments**

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1010**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the insurance  
2 commissioner; and to amend and reenact section 26.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century  
3 Code, relating to the salary of the insurance commissioner.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the  
6 funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the insurance  
7 regulatory trust fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other special  
8 funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the insurance commissioner for the  
9 purpose of defraying the expenses of the insurance commissioner, for the biennium beginning  
10 July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999, as follows:

11 Salaries and wages	\$4,045,813
12 Operating expenses	1,228,289
13 Equipment	<u>40,445</u>
14 Total special funds appropriation	\$5,314,547

15 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - INSURANCE TAX PAYMENTS TO FIRE**

16 **DEPARTMENTS.** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the insurance tax  
17 distribution fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$5,200,000, or so  
18 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the commissioner of insurance for the purpose of  
19 making payments of insurance premiums to fire departments for the biennium beginning July 1,  
20 1997, and ending June 30, 1999.

21 **SECTION 3. BONDING FUND.** Section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$81,743, or  
22 so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the state bonding fund to pay bonding fund  
23 administrative expenses for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999.

1           **SECTION 4. FIRE AND TORNADO FUND.** Section 1 of this Act includes the sum of  
2     \$796,992, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the state fire and tornado fund to  
3     pay fire and tornado fund administrative expenses for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and  
4     ending June 30, 1999.

5           **SECTION 5. UNSATISFIED JUDGMENT FUND.** Section 1 of this Act includes the  
6     sum of \$39,863, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the state unsatisfied  
7     judgment fund to pay unsatisfied judgment fund administrative expenses for the biennium  
8     beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999.

9           **SECTION 6. PETROLEUM TANK RELEASE COMPENSATION FUND.** Section 1 of  
10    this Act includes the sum of \$200,490, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the  
11    petroleum tank release compensation fund to pay petroleum tank release compensation fund  
12    administrative expenses for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999.

13          **SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - COMPUTER SYSTEM PROJECT.** There is hereby  
14    appropriated out of any moneys in the insurance regulatory trust fund in the state treasury, not  
15    otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$275,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to  
16    the insurance commissioner for the purpose of completing the insurance department's  
17    computer network project, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999.  
18    The insurance commissioner may not spend more than \$499,000 in total, for the computer  
19    network project during the 1995-97 biennium and the 1997-99 biennium.

20          **SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - BUDGET SECTION REPORT.** It is the intent of  
21    the legislative assembly that the insurance commissioner utilize \$25,000 appropriated in  
22    section 1 of this Act to analyze during the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending  
23    June 30, 1999, the amount of insurance payments to fire departments distributed to fire districts  
24    in fiscal years 1996, 1997, and 1998 and present a report to the budget section in  
25    December 1998 containing the commissioner's findings and the actions taken to stabilize the  
26    distribution of funds to each fire district.

27          **SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Section 26.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
28    amended and reenacted as follows:

29          **26.1-01-09. Salary of commissioner.** The annual salary of the commissioner is  
30    ~~fifty-two~~ fifty-five thousand ~~seven~~ four hundred eighty-seven dollars through June 30, ~~1996~~

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- 1 1998, and ~~forty-three~~ fifty-seven thousand eight one hundred ~~forty-three~~ twenty dollars
- 2 thereafter.