

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1010
(Appropriations Committee)
(At the request of the Governor)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the insurance commissioner; and to amend and reenact section 26.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the insurance commissioner.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - INSURANCE TAX PAYMENTS TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the insurance tax distribution fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$5,200,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the commissioner of insurance for the purpose of making payments of insurance premiums to fire departments for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999.

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

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

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

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

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - COMPUTER SYSTEM PROJECT. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the insurance regulatory trust fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$275,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the insurance commissioner for the purpose of completing the insurance department's computer network project, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999. The insurance

commissioner may not spend more than \$499,000 in total, for the computer network project during the 1995-97 biennium and the 1997-99 biennium.

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

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

26.1-01-09. Salary of commissioner. The annual salary of the commissioner is ~~fifty-two~~ fifty-five thousand ~~seven~~ four hundred eighty-seven dollars through June 30, ~~1996~~ 1998, and ~~fifty-three~~ fifty-seven thousand ~~eight~~ one hundred ~~forty-three~~ twenty dollars thereafter.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1010.

House Vote: Yeas 87 Nays 5 Absent 5

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 0 Absent 4

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 1997.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1997.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1997,

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Secretary of State