

Fifty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2010**

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; to amend and reenact sections 26.1-01-09 and 26.1-23-03 of the North Dakota  
3 Century Code, relating to the salary of the insurance commissioner and the unsatisfied  
4 judgment fund; and to provide for a legislative council study.

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

6 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the  
7 funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the insurance  
8 regulatory trust fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other special  
9 funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the insurance commissioner for the  
10 purpose of defraying the expenses of the insurance commissioner, for the biennium beginning  
11 July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001, as follows:

12 Salaries and wages	\$4,195,649
13 Operating expenses	1,503,289
14 Equipment	<u>153,155</u>
15 Total special funds appropriation	\$5,852,093

16 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - INSURANCE TAX PAYMENTS TO FIRE**  
17 **DEPARTMENTS.** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the insurance tax  
18 distribution fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$5,200,000, or so  
19 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the commissioner of insurance for the purpose of  
20 making payments of insurance premiums to fire departments for the biennium beginning July 1,  
21 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.

22 **SECTION 3. BONDING FUND.** Section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$67,431, or  
23 so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the state bonding fund to pay bonding fund  
24 administrative expenses for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.

1           **SECTION 4. FIRE AND TORNADO FUND.** Section 1 of this Act includes the sum of  
2 \$831,145, 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, 1999, and  
4 ending June 30, 2001.

5           **SECTION 5. UNSATISFIED JUDGMENT FUND.** Section 1 of this Act includes the  
6 sum of \$4,170, 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, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.

9           **SECTION 6. PETROLEUM TANK RELEASE COMPENSATION FUND.** Section 1 of  
10 this Act includes the sum of \$68,820, 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, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.

13           **SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY.** The legislative council shall consider  
14 studying, during the 1999-2000 interim, the activities of and the need for continuing the  
15 petroleum tank release compensation fund.

16           **SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Section 26.1-01-09 of the 1997 Supplement to the North  
17 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

18           **26.1-01-09. Salary of commissioner.** The annual salary of the commissioner is  
19 ~~fifty five~~ fifty-eight thousand ~~four two~~ hundred eighty seven ~~sixty-two~~ dollars through June 30,  
20 ~~1998~~ 2000, ~~fifty-nine~~ fifty-nine thousand ~~four hundred~~ twenty-eight dollars through December 31, 2000,  
21 and ~~fifty seven~~ sixty-two thousand ~~one~~ eight hundred ~~twenty~~ fifty-five dollars thereafter.

22           **SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Section 26.1-23-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
23 amended and reenacted as follows:

24           **26.1-23-03. Additional registration fee - Deposit in fund - Suspension of fee.** At  
25 the time of registering a motor vehicle, the owner shall pay to the director of the department of  
26 transportation, in addition to the registration fees, a fee of one dollar for each motor vehicle  
27 registered. The fees must be deposited with the state treasurer who shall credit the fees to the  
28 unsatisfied judgment fund. If on June first of any year the amount of uncommitted money in the  
29 fund is ~~three hundred~~ one hundred fifty thousand dollars or more, the requirement for the  
30 payment of the fee is suspended during the succeeding year and until the year in which the fee  
31 is reimposed. The fee must be reimposed for any year whenever on June first of the previous

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- 1 year the uncommitted amount of the fund is less than ~~three hundred~~ one hundred fifty thousand
- 2 dollars.