

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2010
(Appropriations Committee)
(At the request of the Governor)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the insurance commissioner; to provide for the appointment of legislative representatives to the national conference of insurance legislators; and to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 26.1-01-07.1, sections 26.1-01-09, and 26.1-23-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the cash balance of the insurance regulatory trust fund, the salary of the insurance commissioner, and the unsatisfied judgment fund.

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, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001, as follows:

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| Salaries and wages | \$4,195,649 |
| Operating expenses | 1,498,289 |
| Equipment | <u>119,355</u> |
| Total special funds appropriation | \$5,813,293 |

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, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.

SECTION 3. BONDING FUND. Section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$67,431, 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, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.

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

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

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

SECTION 7. National conference of insurance legislators - Appointment of representatives. The chairman of the legislative council, in consultation with the insurance commissioner, shall appoint two members of the house of representatives and two members of the

senate to represent the state at functions of the national conference of insurance legislators. Each member shall serve a two-year term. If a member is unable to complete the member's term, the chairman of the legislative council shall appoint another member to complete the term. The insurance commissioner shall pay the necessary expenses of the legislative members for attending functions of the national conference of insurance legislators.

SECTION 8. AMENDMENT. Subsection 3 of section 26.1-01-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. Except as otherwise provided by law, at the end of each fiscal year, the state treasurer shall transfer, after all fiscal year expenses have been paid, any cash balance remaining in the insurance regulatory trust fund that exceeds one million ~~five hundred thousand~~ dollars to the general fund.

SECTION 9. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-01-09 of the 1997 Supplement to 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-five~~ fifty-eight thousand four hundred eighty-seven ~~sixty-two~~ dollars through June 30, ~~1998~~ 2000, ~~fifty-nine thousand four hundred twenty-eight~~ dollars through December 31, 2000, and ~~fifty-seven~~ sixty-two thousand one hundred twenty ~~twenty~~ fifty-five dollars thereafter.

SECTION 10. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-23-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2010.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 2

House Vote: Yeas 89 Nays 7 Absent 2

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1999,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State