

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1317**

Introduced by

Representatives Severson, Delmore

Senators Erbele, Klein

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new paragraph to subdivision a of subsection 11 of  
2 section 65-01-02 and a new section to chapter 65-05 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
3 relating to compensable injuries for workers' compensation; and to amend and reenact  
4 paragraph 10 of subdivision b of subsection 11 of section 65-01-02 of the North Dakota Century  
5 Code, relating to injuries not included as compensable injuries.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** A new paragraph to subdivision a of subsection 11 of section 65-01-02 of  
8 the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

9 A mental injury arising from a mental stimulus that occurs to an  
10 emergency service provider if the mental injury occurs in the course of  
11 employment and meets the benefits criteria and the definition of critical  
12 incident as adopted by the bureau.

13 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Paragraph 10 of subdivision b of subsection 11 of section  
14 65-01-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15 (10) A Except as provided in section 1 of this Act, a mental injury arising  
16 from mental stimulus.

17 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 65-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
18 created and enacted as follows:

19 **Mental injury - Emergency service providers.** The benefits for a mental injury, as  
20 defined under section 1 of this Act, which is incurred by an emergency service provider are  
21 limited to medical benefits. The bureau shall adopt rules establishing the criteria under which  
22 medical benefits for a mental injury may be paid by the bureau and establishing the definition of  
23 critical incident.