

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1275
(Representatives Iverson, Carlson, Ruby)
(Senators Brown, Freborg)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 54-01.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to moving and related expenses as a result of projects undertaken by a state agency; to provide an expiration date; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 54-01.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-01.1-03. Moving and related expenses.

1. Whenever a program or project to be undertaken by a displacing agency will result in the displacement of any person, the displacing agency shall provide for the payment to the displaced person of:
 - a. Actual, reasonable expenses in moving the displaced person and the displaced person's family, business, farm operation, or other personal property;
 - b. Actual direct losses of tangible personal property as a result of moving or discontinuing a business or farm operation, but not to exceed an amount equal to the reasonable expenses that would have been required to relocate such property, as determined by the state agency;
 - c. Actual, reasonable expenses in searching for a replacement business or farm; and
 - d. Actual reasonable expenses necessary to reestablish a displaced farm, nonprofit organization, or small business at its new site, but not to exceed ten thousand dollars as determined by criteria established by the state agency.
2. Any displaced person eligible for payments under subsection 1 who is displaced from a dwelling and who elects to accept the payments authorized by this subsection in lieu of the payments authorized by subsection 1 may receive a moving expense allowance, determined according to a schedule established by the state agency.
3. Any displaced person eligible for payments under subsection 1, who is displaced from the person's place of business or farm operation and is eligible under criteria established by the state agency, may elect to accept the payment authorized by this subsection in lieu of the payment authorized by subsection 1. ~~Such~~ The payment must consist of a fixed payment in an amount to be determined according to criteria established by the state agency, ~~except that the payment may not be less than one thousand dollars, nor more than twenty thousand dollars.~~ A person whose sole business at the displacement dwelling is the rental of the property to others does not qualify for a payment under this subsection.

SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE. This Act is effective through July 31, 2007, and after that date is ineffective.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

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-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1275 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 87 Nays 0 Absent 7

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 44 Nays 0 Absent 3

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2003,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State