

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Conference Committee Amendments**

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1123**

Introduced by

Human Services Committee

(At the request of the State Department of Health)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 23-01-08 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to authority of the state health officer to appoint a deputy state health officer; and to  
3 declare an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-01-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **23-01-08. Directors of divisions - Deputy - Appointment, salary, duties.** The state  
8 health officer shall appoint directors of the various divisions of the department and shall  
9 determine the salary, within the limits of legislative appropriations to the department and in  
10 conformity with the state merit system, to be received by such persons. The duties of such  
11 director must be those prescribed by the state health officer. The state health officer may  
12 appoint a deputy state health officer. A deputy state health officer who does not hold a  
13 health-related degree may not individually issue an order regarding public health unless the  
14 order is cosigned by a physician who is employed by the department or cosigned by the state  
15 epidemiologist. The deputy state health officer serves at the pleasure of the state health  
16 officer.

17 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.