

HOUSE BILL NO. 1179

Introduced by

Representatives Price, N. Johnson, Porter

Senators Fischer, J. Lee, Lyson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-52.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to participation in the uniform group insurance program.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-52.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code
5 is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-52.1-03.1. Certain political subdivisions authorized to join uniform group**
7 **insurance program - Employer contribution.** A political subdivision may extend the benefits
8 of the uniform group insurance program under this chapter to its permanent employees, subject
9 to minimum requirements established by the board and a minimum period of participation of
10 sixty months. If the political subdivision withdraws from participation in the uniform group
11 insurance program, before completing sixty months of participation, the political subdivision
12 shall make payment to the board in an amount equal to any expenses incurred in the uniform
13 group insurance program that exceed income received on behalf of the political subdivision's
14 employees as determined under rules adopted by the board. The Garrison Diversion
15 Conservancy District, and district health units required to participate in the public employees
16 retirement system under section 54-52-02, shall participate in the uniform group insurance
17 program under the same terms and conditions as state agencies. A retiree who has accepted a
18 retirement allowance from a participating political subdivision's retirement plan may elect to
19 participate in the uniform group under this chapter without meeting minimum requirements at
20 age sixty-five, when the employee's spouse reaches age sixty-five, upon the receipt of a
21 benefit, when the political subdivision joins the uniform group insurance plan if the retiree was a
22 member of the former plan, or when the spouse terminates employment. If a retiree or
23 surviving spouse does not elect to participate at the times specified in this section, the retiree or
24 surviving spouse must meet the minimum requirements established by the board. Each retiree

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1 or surviving spouse shall pay directly to the board the premiums in effect for the coverage then
2 being provided. The board may require documentation that the retiree has accepted a
3 retirement allowance from an eligible retirement plan other than the public employees
4 retirement system.