

Introduced by

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 44-08-04 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to officer and employee claims for meals.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 44-08-04 of the North Dakota Century
5 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 1. Except as provided in section 44-08-04.1, each elective or appointive officer,
7 employee, representative, or agent of this state, or of any of its subdivisions, agencies,
8 bureaus, boards, or commissions, may make claim for meals and lodging while
9 engaged in the discharge of a public duty away from the claimant's normal working
10 and living residence for all or any part of any quarter of a day. Claims may also be
11 made for meals that are included as part of a registration fee for a conference,
12 seminar, or other meeting and for meals attended at the request of and on behalf of
13 the state or any of its subdivisions, agencies, bureaus, boards, or commissions;
14 however, if a meal is included in a registration fee, the applicable quarter allowance
15 cannot be claimed for that meal. Claims for meals specifically included in a registration
16 fee for a conference, seminar, or other meeting or meal attended at the request of and
17 on behalf of the state or any of its subdivisions, agencies, bureaus, boards, or
18 commissions must be allowed even if the city at which the conference, seminar, or
19 meeting is held or the meal is provided is the claimant's normal working and living
20 residence. If an athletic team or other organized group meal is attended at the request
21 of and on behalf of the state or any of its subdivisions, agencies, bureaus, boards, or
22 commissions, actual expenses for the entire group, including coaches, trainers, and
23 other employees, may be paid or submitted for payment on a team or group travel
24 expense report; subsection 2 does not apply; and officers and employees are not

- 1 required to document individual expenses or submit individual travel reimbursement
- 2 vouchers. Reimbursement is allowed only for overnight travel or other travel, away
- 3 from the normal place of employment, for four hours or more. Verification of expenses
- 4 by receipt is required only for lodging expenses.