

Introduced by

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

(At the request of the Adjutant General)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 37-17.1-14.1 and 37-17.1-14.3 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to authority to join interstate mutual aid agreements.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-17.1-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **37-17.1-14.1. Mutual aid - Cooperation.**

7 1. The division of homeland security shall encourage and assist political subdivisions to  
8 enter mutual aid agreements with other public and private agencies within the state for  
9 reciprocal aid and assistance in responding to and recovering from actual and  
10 potential disasters or emergencies.

11 2. In reviewing emergency operations plans and programs of political subdivisions, the  
12 division of homeland security shall consider whether the plans and programs contain  
13 adequate provisions for mutual aid.

14 3. Local emergency management organizations may assist in negotiation of mutual aid  
15 agreements between the governor and an adjoining state or province or a political  
16 subdivision of an adjoining state or a province and shall carry out arrangements of any  
17 such agreements relating to the local political subdivision.

18 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-17.1-14.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
19 amended and reenacted as follows:

20 **37-17.1-14.3. Authority to join interstate mutual aid agreements - Interstate compacts.**

21 1. The governor, in the name of the state, may join with other states in the interstate  
22 mutual aid agreement or compact.

- 1        2.    The governor may negotiate and execute such supplemental agreements as may be
- 2            necessary and proper to fully carry out the terms and provisions of the interstate
- 3            mutual aid agreement or compact as set forth in section 37-17.1-14.5.
- 4        3.    Local emergency management organizations may enter interstate mutual aid
- 5            agreements with nearby political subdivisions or public response entities. Such
- 6            agreements are valid once filed with the department of emergency services.