Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1406

Introduced by

Representatives Carlson, Kasper

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to public employee uniform group health insurance benefits; to provide
- 3 for application; and to declare an emergency.

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

5 SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 <u>Health benefits plans - Term of contract - Plan design.</u>

- 8 <u>1.</u> This section applies to a contract for hospital and medical benefits coverage under
- 9 section 54-52.1-04, health maintenance organization coverage under 54-52.1-04.1, or
- 10 <u>a self-insurance plan for hospital and medical benefits coverage under section</u>
- 11 <u>54-52.1-04.2. The term of a contract must be two years and must begin on January</u>
- 12 <u>first of an even-numbered year.</u>
- 132.The board may not sign a contract unless the terms of the plan design are consistent14with the appropriation for uniform group health insurance program benefits coverage
- 15 <u>enacted by the most recent legislative assembly.</u>

16 **SECTION 2. APPLICATION.** Notwithstanding contrary term of contract provisions, the term

17 of a contract subject to section 1 of this Act in effect on the effective date of this Act may be

- 18 increased or decreased by the shortest period necessary in order to synchronize the contract
- 19 with a January 1, 2018, start date.
- 20 **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.