

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1076**

Introduced by

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

(At the request of the Adjutant General)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 37-01-48 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the payment of a death benefit to the beneficiary or next of kin of a member of the  
3 national guard who died while serving on state active duty; and to declare an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-01-48 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **37-01-48. Payment of death benefits.**

8 The national guard may pay a death benefit to a designated beneficiary, or to the next of  
9 kin, of a national guard service member who died while serving in a state active duty status  
10 under this chapter. The payment of a death benefit may not exceed ~~fifteen thousand~~one  
11 hundred thousand dollars and is subject to available funds. The adjutant general may adopt  
12 rules to implement this section.

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