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Good morning, Chairwoman Lee and members of the Human Services Committee. My name is Janelle Middlestead, Producer Licensing Director with the North Dakota Insurance Department. I stand before you today support of House Bill 1087, which is an agency bill addressing verbiage related to licensing for administrators of life and health insurance and pharmacy benefit managers.

Section one of the bill allows the Department to clarify for this licensing class that a license is required to match the producer licensing language in statute. By removing “certificate of authority” and replacing it with “license” will make the statute read more clearly and will provide clarity that a license is needed. As a certificate of authority is another term used by Company licensing and not by producer licensing. This allows for consistency when referencing a license for Section one and not certificate.

Section two of the bill is removing the phrase certificate of registration to instead be referred to as license. This will allow for the process and procedure to remain consistent throughout our chapter.

Thank you, Chairwoman Lee and members of the Human Services committee. I respectfully request a “do pass” recommendation from the committee and am happy to answer any questions that you may have.