

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1026

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the workers
2 compensation bureau and its divisions; to provide authorization to expend funds from the
3 workers' compensation contingency line item; and to amend and reenact section 65-06.1-04 of
4 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to civil air patrol workers' compensation
5 reimbursements.

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

7 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the
8 funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in
9 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from the workers'
10 compensation fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to the workers
11 compensation bureau for the purpose of defraying the expenses of its various divisions, for the
12 biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999, as follows:

13 Salaries and wages	\$13,299,049
14 Operating expenses	5,190,609
15 Equipment	576,000
16 Managed care/TPA	858,386
17 Information reengineering	3,250,000
18 Contingency	<u>100,000</u>
19 Total special funds appropriation	\$23,274,044

20 **SECTION 2. WORKERS' COMPENSATION CONTINGENCY - EMERGENCY**

21 **COMMISSION APPROVAL REQUIRED.** The sums appropriated in section 1 of this Act for the
22 workers' compensation contingency line item for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and
23 ending June 30, 1999, may be spent only upon authorization of the emergency commission.

1 **SECTION 3. REPORT TO BUDGET SECTION.** The workers compensation bureau is
2 to report to the budget section on the expenditure of the \$350,000 provided for critical salary
3 adjustments.

4 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 65-06.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **65-06.1-04. ~~State reimbursement~~ Reimbursement for liability in excess of**
7 **collected premiums.** Whenever claim liability against the fund credited to the classification of
8 civil air patrol members exceeds the amount of premiums paid into ~~such~~ the fund, ~~such~~ the
9 excess liabilities ~~shall be~~ are a general obligation of the ~~state of North Dakota~~ adjutant general
10 of the North Dakota national guard as the North Dakota wing of the civil air patrol and ~~shall~~
11 must be reimbursed to the bureau for credit to the workers' compensation fund through
12 legislative appropriation. The adjutant general may use the funds available to it under the
13 Federal Employment Compensation Act liability coverage to satisfy its obligation under this
14 section.