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Fifty-seventh
Legislative Assembly   SENATE BILL NO. 2134
of North Dakota

Introduced by

Senator Krebsbach

Representative Boucher

(At the request of the Workers Compensation Bureau)

1   A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 65-05-20.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,

2   relating to removing the expiration date of the workers' compensation scholarship fund; and to

3   declare an emergency.

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

5   **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 65-05-20.1 of the 1999 Supplement to the North

6   Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7   **65-05-20.1. (Effective through July 31, 2001) Scholarship fund - Rules.** The

8   bureau may establish a scholarship fund to provide scholarships for the spouse and dependent

9   children of a worker who dies as a result of a compensable work-related injury, if the spouse

10 and children have received benefits under section 65-05-17. The bureau may also grant

11 scholarships to injured workers for whom the bureau determines a scholarship would be

12 beneficial and appropriate because of exceptional circumstances as determined by the bureau.

13 Scholarships are payable to an accredited institution of higher education or an institution of

14 technical education on behalf of a student attending that institution. The total amount awarded

15 annually in scholarships may not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars. The maximum

16 amount payable on behalf of an applicant is three thousand dollars per year for no more than

17 five years. Scholarships must be awarded by a panel chosen by the bureau. The bureau shall

18 adopt rules establishing selection criteria and obligations associated with the program and

19 identifying information an applicant is required to submit to determine an appropriate

20 scholarship award. There is no right to reconsideration, rehearing, or appeal from any decision

21 regarding the award, denial, or amount of a scholarship.

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