

HOUSE BILL NO. 1323

Introduced by

Representatives Disrud, Maragos, Mueller

Senators Heitkamp, Krebsbach

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 18-03-01, 18-03-02, 18-03-03, 18-03-04,
2 18-03-05, 18-03-06, 18-03-07, 18-03-08, 18-04-01, 18-04-08, 18-10-16, and 26.1-01-07.5 of the
3 North Dakota Century Code, relating to the North Dakota firefighter's association.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 18-03-01 of the 1999 Supplement to the North
6 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **18-03-01. North Dakota ~~firemen's~~ firefighter's association - How constituted.** The
8 North Dakota ~~firemen's~~ firefighter's association consists of the various organized fire
9 departments and fire protection districts within this state, and each fire department, fire
10 protection district, and firefighter within the state is entitled to membership in the association
11 upon compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the association.

12 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 18-03-02 of the 1999 Supplement to the North
13 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **18-03-02. Fire schools.** Fire schools must be held annually under the direction of the
15 North Dakota ~~firemen's~~ firefighter's association. The schools must be held at such times and in
16 such places in North Dakota as may be designated by the North Dakota ~~firemen's~~ firefighter's
17 association executive board. Fire schools may be held by teleconference, video, or other
18 alternative media.

19 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 18-03-03 of the 1999 Supplement to the North
20 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **18-03-03. Association to report to office of management and budget time and**
22 **place of school and name of treasurer.** The North Dakota ~~firemen's~~ firefighter's association
23 shall submit to the office of management and budget an annual report of all fire schools held in

the state. The association also shall furnish to the office of management and budget the name and address of the treasurer of the association.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 18-03-04 of the 1999 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

18-03-04. Association to furnish bond. The North Dakota ~~firemen's~~ firefighter's association shall file with the director of the office of management and budget a bond in the penal sum of two thousand dollars conditioned for the faithful disposition of the funds appropriated by the legislative assembly for the use of the association in conducting fire schools.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 18-03-05 of the 1999 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

18-03-05. Statement of desired appropriation submitted to office of the budget. Not later than July first of each year next preceding a regular session of the legislative assembly, the director of the budget shall send to the North Dakota ~~firemen's~~ firefighter's association a suitable blank form to be filled out with an itemized statement of the amount of money necessary to promote the efficiency and growth of the different fire departments and fire protection districts of the association and to conduct the fire schools to be held during the succeeding biennium under the direction of the association. The association shall return the blanks properly filled out as provided in section 54-44.1-04.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 18-03-06 of the 1999 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

18-03-06. Director of the budget to prepare estimate for ~~firemen's~~ firefighter's association. The director of the budget shall include, with its estimates, an estimate of the amounts necessary to be appropriated to promote the efficiency and growth of the different fire departments and fire protection districts of the association and to conduct fire schools.

SECTION 7. AMENDMENT. Section 18-03-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

18-03-07. Office of management and budget to pay sum appropriated to association treasurer. Not later than the first day of August of each year, the office of management and budget, by warrants prepared and issued by the office and signed by the state auditor, shall pay to the treasurer of the North Dakota ~~firemen's~~ firefighter's association

the sum appropriated by the legislative assembly for that year. ~~Such~~ The sum, however, may not be paid until the treasurer of the association has filed the bond required in section 18-03-04.

SECTION 8. AMENDMENT. Section 18-03-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

18-03-08. Report of use of money. On or before the first day of July of each year, the president, secretary, and treasurer of the North Dakota ~~firemen's~~ firefighter's association shall make to the office of management and budget a full and complete report, duly verified by the secretary, of the disposition of all moneys received; the association shall provide for an audit annually by a certified public accountant or licensed public accountant who shall submit the audit report to the state auditor's office. When the report is in the form and style prescribed by the state auditor, the state auditor may not conduct an audit of the records of the association.

SECTION 9. AMENDMENT. Section 18-04-01 of the 1999 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

18-04-01. Eligibility for participation in fund created from premium tax on fire insurance companies. To become eligible for the benefits provided under this chapter, a city, or one or more townships or fire districts, shall maintain therein for a period of at least eight months before the filing of the certificate required under section 18-04-02 an organized fire district or department which:

1. Has been in actual existence for the period specified in this section;
2. ~~Has had as a part of its equipment at least one fire engine or truck~~ a basic minimum standard of ISO rating 9; and
3. ~~Has had a membership of at least fifteen persons. The department or district also must be a member of the North Dakota firemen's association in good standing at the time the benefits are paid.~~
4. Has been in compliance with the requirements to report fires as set forth in section 18-01-06.

Change in a fire department's name, or incorporation into a fire district, must be deemed a waiver of the eight-month waiting period for filing a certificate of existence under section 18-04-02.

SECTION 10. AMENDMENT. Section 18-04-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **18-04-08. Notification of municipalities entitled to benefits.** On or before the first
2 day of June in each year, the secretary of the North Dakota ~~firemen's~~ firefighter's association
3 shall notify the auditor of each municipality entitled to the benefits provided in this chapter of the
4 name of the treasurer of each department or separately organized company in good standing in
5 the North Dakota ~~firemen's~~ firefighter's association.

6 **SECTION 11. AMENDMENT.** Section 18-10-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **18-10-16. State fire marshal to establish rural routing systems.** The state fire
9 marshal, with the advice and cooperation of the North Dakota ~~firemen's~~ firefighter's association,
10 may establish a system of rural routings which must be as uniform as is practicable throughout
11 the state, for the purpose of aiding rural firefighting equipment and other emergency vehicles in
12 locating and arriving quickly at the scene of a fire or other emergency within any area which
13 they might logically be called upon to serve.

14 **SECTION 12. AMENDMENT.** Section 26.1-01-07.5 of the North Dakota Century Code
15 is amended and reenacted as follows:

16 **26.1-01-07.5. Fire district maps - Insurance applications to show fire district in**
17 **which property is located - Penalty.** Before December first of each year, the ~~commissioner~~
18 ~~of insurance~~ commissioner shall publish maps of the fire districts of the state for use by
19 insurers under this section for the following calendar year. The state ~~firemen's~~ firefighter's
20 association and the state fire marshal shall assist the ~~commissioner of insurance~~ commissioner
21 in preparing the maps. After December 31, 1993, no insurer may issue or renew a policy for
22 fire, allied lines, homeowner's multiple peril, farmowner's multiple peril, commercial multiple
23 peril, or crop hail insurance coverage for property in this state unless the application identifies
24 each fire district in which the insured property is located. The application must identify the
25 property and insured value of the property located within each fire district if the policy provides
26 coverage for property that is not all within a single district. For purposes of this section, "fire
27 district" means rural fire protection district, city, or area served by a certified rural fire
28 department. An insurer that is found by the commissioner to be in violation of this section is
29 subject to a penalty of one hundred dollars for each ~~such~~ violation to be deposited in the
30 insurance tax distribution fund. The ~~commissioner of insurance~~ commissioner may adopt rules

- 1 necessary for administration of this section, including rules governing preparation, charges for,
- 2 and use of maps under this section.