

# FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council  
01/14/2003

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1317

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. **Narrative:** *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

NORTH DAKOTA WORKERS COMPENSATION  
2003 LEGISLATION  
SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION

BILL DESCRIPTION: Mental-Mental Coverage

BILL NO: HB 1317

SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION: North Dakota Workers Compensation, together with its actuary, Glenn Evans of Pacific Actuarial Consultants, has reviewed the legislation proposed in this bill in conformance with Section 54-03-25 of the North Dakota Century Code.

The proposed bill expands coverage for emergency service providers to include mental injuries arising from mental stimuli, which occur during the course of employment. The proposed bill would limit benefits to medical benefits only and requires NDWC to adopt criteria defining the incidents in which benefits would be paid.

FISCAL IMPACT: We do not anticipate that this revision will materially increase rates for the state as a whole since premiums associated with the classifications affected by the expanded coverage comprise only about 8% of the statewide total. However, rates for the specific classes may increase over time due to the changes implemented under the proposed legislation. We did not attempt to derive an estimate of the likely impact of the proposed change on rate and reserve levels for those classes because we do not have access to an appropriate base of historical experience to use in deriving the estimates.

DATE: January 22, 2003

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund*

*affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

**B. Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

**C. Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

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