

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1021
(Appropriations Committee)
(At the request of the Governor)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of workforce safety and insurance; to authorize and provide an appropriation for additional full-time equivalent positions for workforce safety and insurance; and to create and enact a new section to chapter 65-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to providing a continuing appropriation for litigation expenses relating to employer and medical provider issues.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated from special funds derived from the workforce safety and insurance fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to workforce safety and insurance, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Total special funds	\$53,241,155	\$2,281,450	\$55,522,605
Full-time equivalent positions	237.14	0.00	237.14

SECTION 2. WORKFORCE SAFETY AND INSURANCE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEE POSITIONS AUTHORIZATION - APPROPRIATION. The director of workforce safety and insurance may hire, upon a determination that employees are needed to facilitate the economic and efficient administration of the entity's vocational rehabilitation program, up to ten full-time equivalent employee positions in addition to the full-time equivalent employee positions authorized in section 1 of this Act for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the workers' compensation fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,355,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to workforce safety and insurance for the purpose of defraying the expenses of any additional full-time equivalent positions authorized under this section, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

SECTION 3. A new section to chapter 65-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Litigation expenses - Continuing appropriation. Money in the workforce safety and insurance fund is appropriated to the organization on a continuing basis for payment of organization expenses associated with litigating employer-related issues arising under this title and for payment of organization expenses associated with litigating medical provider-related issues identified under sections 65-02-23 and 65-02-20.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1021.

House Vote: Yeas 91 Nays 1 Absent 2

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State