

April 7, 2009

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1010

Page 1, line 3, replace the first "and" with "to create and enact a new subsection to section 26.1-36-23 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the continuation of group hospital, surgical, and medical coverage after termination of employment;"

Page 1, line 4, after "salary" insert "; and to declare an emergency"

Page 1, line 12, replace "419,738" with "688,433" and replace "6,206,485" with "6,475,180"

Page 1, line 13, replace "(115,113)" with "(76,113)" and replace "2,063,264" with "2,102,264"

Page 1, line 15, replace "380,000" with "500,000" and replace "6,870,000" with "6,990,000"

Page 1, line 16, replace "854,625" with "1,282,320" and replace "15,309,749" with "15,737,444"

Page 1, after line 17, insert:

"SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - TRANSFER - STATE BONDING FUND.

There is appropriated out of any moneys in the insurance regulatory trust fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000, which the office of management and budget shall transfer to the state bonding fund, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2011."

Page 1, line 19, replace "\$6,500,000" with "\$6,820,000"

Page 1, line 21, replace "\$300,000" with "\$620,000"

Page 1, line 22, remove "Funding"

Page 1, remove line 23

Page 2, remove lines 19 through 24

Page 2, after line 30, insert:

"SECTION 10. A new subsection to section 26.1-36-23 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

- a. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, an employee or member who does not have an election of continuation coverage as described in this section in effect on the effective date of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 [Pub. L. 111-5], but who would be an assistance-eligible individual under title III of division B of the Act if the election were in effect, may elect continuation coverage. The employer or the group policyholder shall provide employees or members with additional written notice of the right to elect coverage under this subsection within sixty days of the date of enactment of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 or within fourteen days of the effective date of this Act, whichever is later. The employee or member may make the election in writing no later than

sixty days after the date the employer or the group policyholder provides the notice to the employee or member.

- b. Continuation coverage elected under this subsection commences with the first period of coverage beginning after February 16, 2009, and may not extend beyond the period of continuation coverage that would have been required if the coverage had instead been elected under subsection 4.
- c. The period beginning on the date that the employee or member was involuntarily terminated and ending when the continuation coverage starts must be disregarded for the purpose of determining whether a preexisting condition exclusion period applies.
- d. An employee or member electing continuation under this subsection shall pay to the group policyholder or the employer, on a monthly basis in advance, the amount of contribution required by the policyholder or employer, but not more than the group rate for the insurance being continued under the group policy on the due date of each payment. The employee's or member's written election of continuation, together with the contribution required to establish contributions on a monthly basis in advance, must be given to the policyholder or employer within thirty-one days of the date the employee's or member's election of continuation coverage.
- e. Continuation of insurance under this subsection terminates at the earlier of the date when the person fails to satisfy subsection 2 or when the person fails to satisfy any requirement of subsection 6.
- f. The notification described in subsection 7 is not required for continuation coverage elected under this subsection.
- g. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the provisions of this section apply to an employee or member electing continuation coverage.

SECTION 11. EMERGENCY. Sections 2 and 10 of this Act are declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly