

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1542

Introduced by

Representatives Zaiser, Amerman, Schneider, Thorpe

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 65-01-01 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to construction of workers' compensation claims.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 65-01-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **65-01-01. Purposes of workforce safety and insurance law - Police power.** The
7 state of North Dakota, exercising its police and sovereign powers, declares that the prosperity
8 of the state depends in a large measure upon the well-being of its wage workers, and, hence,
9 for workers injured in hazardous employments, and for their families and dependents, sure and
10 certain relief is hereby provided regardless of questions of fault and to the exclusion of every
11 other remedy, proceeding, or compensation, except as otherwise provided in this title, and to
12 that end, all civil actions and civil claims for relief for those personal injuries and all jurisdiction
13 of the courts of the state over those causes are abolished except as is otherwise provided in
14 this title. ~~A civil action or civil claim arising under this title, which is subject to judicial review,~~
15 ~~must be reviewed solely on the merits of the action or claim. This title may not be construed~~
16 ~~liberally on behalf of any party to the action or claim.~~ This title is remedial in nature and
17 therefore must be construed to afford relief and avoid forfeiture with a view of extending
18 benefits to all who fairly can be brought within the provisions of the title.