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## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1016

This amendment is for consideration for inclusion in a set of amendments under consideration regarding Engrossed House Bill No. 1016.

Page 1, line 3, remove "and" and after "exemption" insert "; to amend and reenact subsections 3 and 4 of section 37-29-03 as created by section 1 of House Bill No. 1181, as approved by the sixty-first legislative assembly, and section 54-06-27 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to job protections for volunteer emergency responders of the adjutant general's office and leave for emergency service volunteers; and to declare an emergency"

Page 4, after line 9, insert:

"SECTION 8. AMENDMENT. Subsections 3 and 4 of section 37-29-03 of the North Dakota Century Code as created by section 1 of House Bill No. 1181, as approved by the sixty-first legislative assembly, are amended and reenacted as follows:

- 3. Subsection 1 does not apply if due to serving as a volunteer emergency responder, the employee is absent or tardy from the employee's place of employment for a period that exceeds ten twenty regular business working days in a calendar year.
- 4. In order to receive the protections of subsection 1, an employee who will be absent or tardy from the employee's place of employment while serving as a volunteer emergency responder in the case of a disaster or emergency shall make reasonable efforts to notify the employer of that service and shall continue to make those reasonable notification efforts over the course of the absence.

**SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-06-27 of the North Dakota Century Code as amended in section 2 of House Bill No. 1181, as approved by the sixty-first legislative assembly, is amended and reenacted as follows:

**54-06-27.** Emergency service volunteers - Leave. Upon issuance of an order or proclamation declaring a state of disaster or emergency pursuant to chapter 37-17.1, a search emergency by the air force rescue coordination center or by the department of emergency services, or a declaration of at least a level II disaster by the American red cross in this or any other state, the executive officer in charge of a state agency or the governing body of any political subdivision may grant a leave of absence to any full-time employee of that governmental entity who is an emergency medical service provider, a member of the civil air patrol, a firefighter, police officer, volunteer member of the North Dakota army or air national guard, or emergency radio operator, or who performs other services necessary in an emergency. The leave of absence must be for the purpose of allowing that employee to provide voluntary emergency services. An individual on leave under this section is not deemed to be an employee of the governmental entity for the purposes of workforce safety and insurance. The cumulative leave granted under this section may not exceed ten twenty working days during any calendar year. The leave may not result in a loss of compensation, seniority, annual leave, sick leave, or accrued overtime for which the employee is otherwise eligible.

**SECTION 10. EMERGENCY.** Sections 8 and 9 of this Act are declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly