

**Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

SENATE BILL NO. 2178
(Senators Klein, Krebsbach, Larsen)
(Representatives Maragos, Ruby, Streyle)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 65-05-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the workers' compensation vehicle allowance; and to provide for application.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 5 of section 65-05-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5. Under this section, the organization may modify real estate and may provide for adaptations and modifications to motor vehicles as follows:
 - a. In the case of an injured employee who sustained a catastrophic injury, as defined in chapter 65-05.1, the organization may pay an amount not to exceed seventy-five thousand dollars to provide permanent additions, remodeling, or adaptations to real estate it determines necessary. The dollar limit is for the life of the injured employee, regardless of any subsequent claim. This subdivision does not allow the organization to purchase any real estate.
 - b. In the case of an injured employee who sustained a catastrophic injury, as defined in chapter 65-05.1, the organization may pay an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars to provide the most cost-effective, specially equipped motor vehicle or vehicle adaptations the organization determines medically necessary. The organization may establish factors to be used in determining whether a specially equipped motor vehicle or adaptation is necessary. Under this subdivision, the organization may not pay for insurance of or maintenance of the motor vehicle. Within the dollar limit and under this subdivision, the organization may pay for vehicle or adaptation replacement purchases. The dollar limit is for the life of the injured employee, regardless of any subsequent claim.
 - c. In the case of an injured employee who has not sustained a catastrophic injury, as defined in chapter 65-05.1, the organization may provide the benefits under subdivisions a and b if the organization determines the benefits would be cost-effective and appropriate because of exceptional circumstances as determined by the organization.

SECTION 2. APPLICATION. This Act applies to all vehicle purchases and adaptations that take place on or after the effective date of this Act.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2178.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 92 Nays 0 Absent 2

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2013.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2013.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2013,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State