

SENATE BILL NO. 2127

Introduced by

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 44-08-04 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to meal reimbursement for travel.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 44-08-04 of the North Dakota Century
5 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 1. Except as provided in section 44-08-04.1, each elective or appointive officer,
7 employee, representative, or agent of this state, or of any of its subdivisions, agencies,
8 bureaus, boards, or commissions, may make claim for meals and lodging while
9 engaged in the discharge of a public duty away from the claimant's normal working
10 and living residence for all or any part of any quarter of a day. Claims ~~may also be~~
11 ~~made for meals that are included as part of a registration fee for a conference, or~~
12 ~~seminar, or other meeting and for meals attended at the request of and on behalf of~~
13 ~~the state or any of its subdivisions, agencies, bureaus, boards, or commissions;~~
14 ~~however, if must be allowed even if the city at which the conference or seminar is held~~
15 is the claimant's normal working and living residence. If a meal is included in a
16 registration fee, the applicable quarter allowance cannot be claimed for that meal.
17 ~~Claims for meals specifically included in a registration fee for a conference, seminar,~~
18 ~~or other meeting must be allowed even if the city at which the conference, seminar, or~~
19 ~~meeting is held or the meal is provided is the claimant's normal working and living~~
20 ~~residence.~~ If a higher education athletic team or other organized institution
21 organization group meal is attended at the request of and on behalf of the institution,
22 actual expenses for the entire group, including coaches, trainers, and other
23 employees, may be paid or submitted for payment on a team or group travel expense
24 report; subsection 2 does not apply; and officers and employees are not required to

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- 1 document individual expenses or submit individual travel reimbursement vouchers.
- 2 Reimbursement is allowed only for overnight travel or other travel, away from the
- 3 normal place of employment, for four hours or more. Verification of expenses by
- 4 receipt is required only for lodging expenses.