

**SECOND ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments**

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2024

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the workers
2 compensation bureau and its divisions.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the
5 funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated from special funds derived from the
6 workers compensation fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to the workers
7 compensation bureau for the purpose of defraying the expenses of its various divisions, for the
8 biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001, as follows:

9 Salaries and wages	\$15,098,851
10 Operating expenses	7,508,962
11 Equipment	<u>1,206,840</u>
12 Total special funds appropriation	\$23,814,653

13 **SECTION 2. INTERNET WEB APPLICATION.** The appropriation in section 1 of this
14 Act includes funding for the bureau to develop an internet web application with electronic
15 commerce capability, including the ability for employers to file payroll reports for workers'
16 compensation coverage electronically through the internet. It is the intent of the fifty-sixth
17 legislative assembly that in developing this internet web application, the bureau communicate
18 with job service North Dakota and investigate ways in which the application can accommodate
19 combined or streamlined reporting of common payroll and employment data to the bureau and
20 to job service North Dakota.