

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for workforce safety and insurance to study the workers'
2 compensation treatment of retirement-age injured workers.

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

4 **SECTION 1. WORKFORCE SAFETY AND INSURANCE STUDY -**

5 **RETIREMENT-AGE INJURED WORKERS.** During the 2005-06 interim, workforce safety and
6 insurance shall study the perceived inequity of the workers' compensation law treatment of
7 retirement-age injured workers. The study must include a review of the history of the workers'
8 compensation laws relating to retirement-age injured workers; the fiscal impact on the fund of
9 the past, current, and proposed treatment of retirement-age injured workers; and possible
10 legislative changes that might improve the treatment of retirement-age injured workers.

11 Workforce safety and insurance may contract with a third party in performing this study. As part
12 of the study, workforce safety and insurance shall consult with representatives of
13 retirement-age injured workers. Following the study, workforce safety and insurance shall
14 prepare and request introduction of legislation to address perceived or actual inequities in the
15 workers' compensation law treatment of retirement-age injured workers to the sixtieth legislative
16 assembly.