

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2257

Introduced by

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Representatives Amerman, DeKrey

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 65-02-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to membership of the workforce safety and insurance board; and to provide for
3 application.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 65-02-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **65-02-03.1. Workforce safety and insurance board of directors - Appointment.**

8 1. The board consists of eleven members. The appointment and replacement of the
9 members must ensure that:

- 10 a. Six board members represent employers in this state which maintain active
11 accounts with the organization, at least one of which must be a participant in
12 the risk management program, at least two of which must be employers with
13 annual premiums greater than twenty-five thousand dollars, at least one of
14 which must be an employer with an annual premium of ten thousand dollars
15 but less than twenty-five thousand dollars, at least one of which must be an
16 employer with an annual premium of less than ten thousand dollars, and at
17 least one employer at large representative. Except for the employer at large
18 representative, each employer representative must be a principal owner, chief
19 executive officer, or chief financial officer of the employer.
- 20 b. Three members represent employees; at least one member must have
21 received workforce safety and insurance benefits; and at least one member
22 must represent organized labor.
- 23 c. One member is a member of the North Dakota medical association.

- 1 d. One member is a member at large who must be a resident of this state and at
2 least twenty-one years of age.
- 3 2. Board members shall serve four-year terms, ~~except the initial term of office of the~~
4 ~~member at large to be appointed on August 1, 2003, expires on December 31,~~
5 ~~2006, and the term of office of the medical association member whose term of~~
6 ~~office became effective January 1, 2003, expires on December 31, 2006.~~ The
7 governor shall make the necessary appointments to ensure the term of office of
8 members begins on January first of each odd-numbered year. Board members
9 may not serve more than three consecutive terms.
- 10 a. A departing member representing an employer must be replaced by a
11 member representing an employer, most of whose employees are in a
12 different rate classification than those of the employer represented by the
13 departing member. The governor shall appoint the replacement member for a
14 departing employer representative or medical association representative from
15 a list of three candidates submitted by the ~~board~~ agriculture commissioner,
16 attorney general, and insurance commissioner. The ~~board~~ agriculture
17 commissioner, attorney general, and insurance commissioner shall conduct
18 an interview of an employer representative or a medical representative before
19 placing that candidate's name on the list of replacement member candidates
20 submitted to the governor.
- 21 b. The governor shall select the replacement member for the departing
22 organized labor employee representative from a list of three names of
23 potential candidates submitted by an organization that is statewide in scope
24 and which through ~~its~~ the organization's affiliates embraces a cross-section
25 and a majority of organized labor in this state. The governor shall select the
26 replacement member for a departing nonorganized labor employee
27 representative.
- 28 c. The governor shall appoint the replacement member for the member at large
29 from a list of three candidates submitted by the ~~board~~ agriculture
30 commissioner, attorney general, and insurance commissioner.

1 d. Vacancies in the membership of the board must be filled for the unexpired
2 term by appointment by the governor as provided in this subsection.

3 **SECTION 2. APPLICATION.** This Act applies to all workforce safety and insurance
4 board appointments for replacements and vacancies that occur after July 31, 2007.