Appropriations Committee
(At the request of the Governor)

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the insurance commissioner; to provide for fund transfers; to provide for making payments of insurance premiums tax collections to fire departments; and to amend and reenact section 26.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the commissioner's salary.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the insurance commissioner for the purpose of defraying the expenses of that agency, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011, as follows:

|  | Adjustments or |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Base Level | Enhancements | Appropriation |
| Salaries and wages | \$5,786,747 | \$419,738 | \$6,206,485 |
| Operating expenses | 2,178,377 | $(115,113)$ | 2,063,264 |
| Capital assets | 0 | 170,000 | 170,000 |
| Grants | 6,490,000 | 380,000 | 6,870,000 |
| Total special funds | \$14,455,124 | \$854,625 | \$15,309,749 |
| Full-time equivalent positions | 46.50 | (1.00) | 45.50 |

## SECTION 2. INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX DISTRIBUTION FUND PAYMENTS -

USES. Section 1 of this Act includes $\$ 6,500,000$ from the insurance premium tax distribution fund, of which $\$ 6,200,000$ is for the purpose of making payments to fire departments and $\$ 300,000$ is for the purpose of making two equal payments to the North Dakota firefighter's association, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011. Funding provided to the North Dakota firefighter's association must be used for firefighter training.

SECTION 3. BONDING FUND. Section 1 of this Act includes $\$ 41,518$ from the state bonding fund to pay bonding fund administrative expenses for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

SECTION 4. FIRE AND TORNADO FUND. Section 1 of this Act includes $\$ 1,624,159$ from the state fire and tornado fund, including \$170,000 for a grant to the North Dakota firefighter's association and $\$ 1,454,159$ to pay fire and tornado fund administrative expenses, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

SECTION 5. UNSATISFIED JUDGMENT FUND. Section 1 of this Act includes $\$ 24,087$ from the state unsatisfied judgment fund to pay unsatisfied judgment fund administrative expenses for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

SECTION 6. PETROLEUM TANK RELEASE COMPENSATION FUND. Section 1 of this Act includes $\$ 96,238$ from the petroleum tank release compensation fund to pay petroleum tank release compensation fund administrative expenses for the biennium beginning July 1 , 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

SECTION 7. ANHYDROUS AMMONIA STORAGE FACILITY INSPECTION FUND.
Section 1 of this Act includes \$150,000 from the anhydrous ammonia storage facility inspection fund to pay for anhydrous ammonia tank inspection costs for the biennium beginning July 1 , 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

SECTION 8. GRANTS - DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - TRANSFER. The sum of $\$ 200,000$ included in the grants line item in section 1 of this Act is from federal funds received by the department of emergency services, which the department of emergency services shall transfer to the insurance commissioner for the purpose of providing a grant to the North Dakota firefighter's association for firefighter training, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

SECTION 9. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
26.1-01-09. Salary of commissioner. The annual salary of the commissioner is seventy-six eighty-three thousand five hundred eleven fifty dollars through June 30, 2008 2010, and seventy nine eighty-seven thousand five seven hundred seventyone twenty-eight dollars thereafter.

