

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/10/2007

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1285

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium		2009-2011 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

The proposed legislation transfers permanent total disability and related benefits to a surviving spouse of an injured employee at the time of death of the injured employee regardless of cause of death and applies to claimants who die on or after the effective date of this act.

B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE
2007 LEGISLATION
SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION

BILL NO: HB 1285

BILL DESCRIPTION: Permanent Total Disability (PTD) Benefit Continuation for Spouse

SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION: Workforce Safety & Insurance, together with its actuary, Glenn Evans of Pacific Actuarial Consultants, has reviewed the legislation proposed in this bill in conformance with Section 54-03-25 of the North Dakota Century Code.

The proposed legislation transfers permanent total disability and related benefits to a surviving spouse of a permanently and totally disabled injured employee at the time of death of the injured employee regardless of cause of death and applies to claimants who die on or after the effective date of this act.

Reserve Level Impact: The proposed legislation can be expected to increase discounted reserve levels for known claims by more than \$13 million. To the extent additional claims emerge the cost estimates would be higher.

Rate Level Impact: The proposal will serve to increase the costs associated with future claims. Currently, it is estimated that 40 Permanent Total Disability claims will arise out of each injury year of which approximately 24 will have a spouse. Based on this assumption, the proposal will serve to increase statewide premium rate levels by approximately 1%.

DATE: January 30, 2007

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*
- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*
- B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*
- C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

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