

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

SENATE BILL NO. 2431
(Senator O'Connell)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 65-05-28 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to independent medical examinations required by workforce safety and insurance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 3 of section 65-05-28 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. The organization may at any time require an employee to submit to an independent medical examination by a duly qualified doctor or doctors designated or approved by the organization. The organization shall make a reasonable effort to designate a duly qualified doctor licensed in the state in which the employee resides to conduct the examination before designating a duly qualified doctor licensed in another state or shall make a reasonable effort to designate a duly qualified doctor licensed in a state other than the employee's state of residence if the examination is conducted at a site within two hundred seventy-five miles [442.57 kilometers] from the employee's residence. The independent medical examination must be for the purpose of review of the diagnosis, prognosis, treatment, or fees. The employee may have a duly qualified doctor designated by that employee present at the examination or later review the written report of the doctor performing the independent medical examination, if procured and paid for by that employee. Providing further that:
 - a. In case of any disagreement between doctors making an examination on the part of the organization and the employee's doctor, the organization shall appoint an impartial doctor duly qualified who shall make an examination and shall report to the organization.
 - b. The employee, in the discretion of the organization, may be paid reasonable travel and other per diem expenses under the guidelines of subsection 2. If the employee is working and loses gross wages from the employee's employer for attending the examination, the gross wages must be reimbursed as a miscellaneous expense upon receipt of a signed statement from the employer verifying the gross wage loss.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2431.

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

House Vote: Yeas 88 Nays 0 Absent 6

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State