

**Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

SENATE BILL NO. 2271
(Senators Axness, Heckaman, Wanzek)
(Representatives Mooney, Silbernagel, Steiner)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 39-01-15 and section 50-06.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the committee on employment of people with disabilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 5 of section 39-01-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5. Except as provided in this subsection, two dollars of each fee for issuance of a certificate and one dollar of each fee for issuance of an additional certificate under this section must be deposited in the state highway department fund for purposes of defraying the cost of issuing the certificate. The rest of the fee, and the five dollar fee received for the issuance of an additional certificate under subsection 4, must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the employment of people with disabilities fund. The fees deposited in the fund are hereby appropriated on a continuing basis to the department of human services for use by the committee on employment of people with disabilities of the department of human services for development of job opportunities for disabled individuals in this state to accomplish the committee's statutory duties provided under section 50-06.1-16. If a certificate is lost, mutilated, or destroyed, the person to whom the certificate was issued is entitled to a replacement. The person shall furnish proof satisfactory to the director that the certificate has been lost, mutilated, or destroyed, and shall pay a replacement fee of three dollars.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 50-06.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

50-06.1-16. Committee on employment of people with disabilities - Appointment - Expenses - Director - Duties - Annual report.

1. There is established a committee on employment of people with disabilities. ~~The committee consists of three members.~~
 - a. The governor shall appoint ~~each member for a term~~four members of the public to serve as committee members with terms of three years, staggered so that the ~~term~~terms of one member expires at least one but no more than two members expire July first of each year:
 - (1) The executive director of the North Dakota association of community providers or a designee of the director;
 - (2) One community employer representative;
 - (3) One individual with a disability; and
 - (4) One family member of an individual with a disability.
 - b. The following five individuals shall serve on the committee as ex officio members:
 - (1) The director of the department of commerce division of workforce development, or the director's designee;

- (3) Identifying best practices, effective partnerships, sources of available federal funds, opportunities for shared services among existing providers, and means to expand model programs to increase community employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.
 - (4) Identifying and addressing areas where sufficient support is not currently available or where additional options are needed to assist individuals with disabilities to work in competitive employment in integrated settings.
 - (5) Establishing interagency agreements to improve coordination of services and allow for data sharing as appropriate to assist individuals with disabilities.
 - (6) Setting benchmarks for improving community employment outcomes and services for individuals with disabilities.
- c. Before January first of each year, shall issue an annual report. The committee shall submit the annual report to the governor and the legislative management. The report must detail the committee's activities, the committee's goals, and the progress the committee has made in reaching these goals. State agencies shall cooperate with the committee on the creation and dissemination of the annual report. The annual report must include identification of barriers to achieving the committee's goals and must include identified strategies and policies that can help the committee realize its goals.
5. The department of human services division of vocational rehabilitation shall provide the committee with administrative services.

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-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2271.

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

House Vote: Yeas 92 Nays 0 Absent 2

Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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Secretary of State