

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1354**

Introduced by

Representatives D. Anderson, C. Johnson, Mitskog, Schreiber-Beck

Senator Vedaa

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-06-14.3 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to leave for state employee volunteers.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-06-14.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-06-14.3. Disaster services, emergency medical services, and firefighter**  
7 **volunteers - Leave.**

8 1. Upon issuance of an order or proclamation declaring a state of disaster or emergency  
9 pursuant to chapter 37-17.1, or a declaration of at least a level II disaster by the  
10 American red cross in this or any other state, the executive officer in charge of a state  
11 agency may grant a leave of absence to any full-time employee of that agency who is  
12 certified by the American red cross as a disaster services volunteer. The leave of  
13 absence must be for the purpose of allowing that employee, upon request by the  
14 American red cross, to participate in disaster relief services. ~~A person~~

15 2. The executive officer in charge of a state agency may grant a paid leave of absence to  
16 a full-time employee of that agency who is an emergency medical services personnel  
17 volunteer or volunteer firefighter. The leave of absence must be for the purpose of  
18 allowing that employee to respond to an emergency at the request of an emergency  
19 medical services operation or fire department.

20 3. An individual on leave under this section is not deemed to be an employee of the state  
21 for the purposes of workforce safety and insurance. The cumulative leave granted  
22 under this section may not exceed five working days during any calendar year. The  
23 leave may not result in a loss of compensation, seniority, annual leave, sick leave, or  
24 accrued overtime for which the employee is otherwise eligible.