

HOUSE BILL NO. 1278

Introduced by

Representatives Mock, Ista, Kasper, Lefor, Louser, Pyle, Schauer, Stemen

Senators Burckhard, Kreun, Oban

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 52-06 and a new subdivision to
2 subsection 1 of section 52-06-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility for
3 unemployment compensation for military spouses.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new subdivision to subsection 1 of section 52-06-02 of the North Dakota
6 Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

7 This subsection does not apply if the individual is a military spouse who, after
8 disclosure to the individual's employer and a reasonable attempt to maintain the
9 employment relationship through accommodation, voluntarily left the most recent
10 employment to relocate because of permanent change of station, activation, or
11 unit deployment orders of the individual's military-connected spouse. For
12 purposes of this subdivision, "military spouse" means the spouse of a member of
13 the armed forces of the United States or a reserve component of the armed
14 forces of the United States stationed in this state in accordance with military
15 orders or stationed in this state before a reassignment to duties outside this state.

16 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 52-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
17 and enacted as follows:

18 **Maximum potential benefits - Military spouse.**

19 An eligible individual who is a military spouse and who voluntarily left the most recent
20 employment to relocate because of permanent change of station, activation, or unit deployment
21 orders of the individual's military-connected spouse, is entitled to twelve weeks of benefits.