

**Insurance Commissioner, including Insurance Tax Payments to Fire Departments
Budget 401
House Bill Nos. 1010, 1145**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2013-15 legislative appropriation	49.50	\$0	\$26,377,090	\$26,377,090
2011-13 legislative appropriation	<u>49.50</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>19,044,080</u>	<u>19,044,080</u>
2013-15 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2011-13 appropriation	0.00	\$0	\$7,333,010	\$7,333,010

Item Description

Accrued leave payments - In Section 1 of House Bill No. 1010, the Legislative Assembly identified \$163,182 from the general fund for accrued leave payments.

Insurance tax payments to fire departments - In Section 6 of House Bill No. 1145, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$15,336,386 from the insurance tax distribution fund for payments to North Dakota fire departments in the amount of \$14,536,386 and payments to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association in the amount of \$800,000. The total appropriation is based on 100 percent of the estimated premium tax collected on fire, allied lines, homeowner's multiple peril, farmowner's multiple peril, commercial multiple peril, and crop hail insurance policies.

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act - In 2011 House Bill No. 1125, the Legislative Assembly provided the Insurance Commissioner authority to administer and enforce the provisions of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 to the extent that the provisions apply to the commissioner's jurisdiction.

Insurance producer criminal history record checks - In 2013 Senate Bill No. 2304, the Legislative Assembly amended North Dakota Century Code to require the completion of a criminal history record check for individuals applying for a resident insurance producer license.

Status/Result

The Insurance Department has charged \$7,398 to the accrued leave payments line item. The Insurance Department does not plan to use the funds in the accrued leave payments line item for salaries.

The Insurance Department made the first payments in November 2013. North Dakota fire departments received \$7,268,193 and the North Dakota Firefighter's Association received \$400,000, for total payments of \$7,668,193. The total premium tax collected on the fire, allied lines, homeowner's multiple peril, farmowner's multiple peril, commercial multiple peril, and crop hail insurance policies for 2012 was \$7,991,100.

The Insurance Department has continued to provide regular updates to the interim Health Care Reform Review Committee on health care reform options, the law's impact, and state alternatives for state-based health care reform if the federal law is repealed.

The Insurance Department has implemented a procedure for individuals applying for a resident producer license to complete a criminal history record check, including a fingerprinting process. All costs associated with the criminal history record check are the responsibility of the applicant. Applicants make arrangements directly with the test vendor to schedule an examination and to be fingerprinted. After an examination has been passed and fingerprints obtained, the test vendor forwards the information to the Insurance Department, and after review, documents are forwarded to the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation and the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation to complete the background checks.