

HOUSE BILL NO. 1457

Introduced by

Representative M. Nelson

Senator Sinner

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 65-02 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a workforce safety and insurance liaison program for injured workers.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 65-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Liaison program.**

- 7 1. The organization shall provide a liaison program for injured employees. The program
8 must take steps to identify injured employees who face barriers that may negatively
9 impact an injured employee's ability to negotiate the state's workers' compensation
10 system or to appreciate the duties of an injured employee. Barriers the organization
11 considers may include intellectual disabilities, physical disabilities, traumatic brain
12 injuries, and mental health issues.
- 13 2. The liaison program must assist injured employees who have been identified under
14 subsection 1 to access public and private programs and resources that may be
15 available to help the injured employee in managing the injured employee's workers'
16 compensation claim.
- 17 3. Under the liaison program, the organization shall consider whether it is appropriate for
18 the organization to exercise continuing jurisdiction under section 65-05-04 for
19 employees who have been identified under subsection 1.