

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1354
(Representatives D. Anderson, C. Johnson, Mitskog, Schreiber-Beck)
(Senator Vedaa)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 54-06-14.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to leave for state employee volunteers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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

1. Upon issuance of an order or proclamation declaring a state of disaster or emergency pursuant to chapter 37-17.1, or a declaration of at least a level II disaster by the American red cross in this or any other state, the executive officer in charge of a state agency may grant a leave of absence to any full-time employee of that agency who is certified by the American red cross as a disaster services volunteer. The leave of absence must be for the purpose of allowing that employee, upon request by the American red cross, to participate in disaster relief services. ~~A person~~
2. The executive officer in charge of a state agency may grant a paid leave of absence to a full-time employee of that agency who is an emergency medical services personnel volunteer or volunteer firefighter. The leave of absence must be for the purpose of allowing that employee to respond to an emergency at the request of an emergency medical services operation or fire department.
3. An individual on leave under this section is not deemed to be an employee of the state for the purposes of workforce safety and insurance. The cumulative leave granted under this section may not exceed five working days during any calendar year. The leave may not result in a loss of compensation, seniority, annual leave, sick leave, or accrued overtime for which the employee is otherwise eligible.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1354.

House Vote: Yeas 80 Nays 11 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2019.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2019.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2019,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State