

**Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1387
(Representative Keiser)
(Senator Oban)

AN ACT to create and enact section 54-06-14.5 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to state employee use of sick leave and annual leave; and to amend and reenact sections 54-21-18 and 54-52.4-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to parking on the capitol grounds for pregnant employees and employees with infants and state employee use of sick leave.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. Section 54-06-14.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

54-06-14.5. Use of sick leave and annual leave - Birth or adoption - Family leave priority.

1. During the first six weeks following birth or placement, an employer shall grant an employee's request to use up to one hundred sixty hours of sick leave under section 54-06-14 to care for the employee's newborn child or to care for a child placed with the employee, by a child-placing agency licensed under chapter 50-12, for adoption or placed with the employee as a precondition to adoption under section 14-15-12, but not both. The employer shall compensate the employee for leave used by the employee under this subsection on the same basis as the employee would be compensated if the leave had been taken due to the employee's illness, medical needs, or health needs. This subsection does not prevent an employee from using sick leave for the employee's illness, medical needs, or health needs following the birth of a child or from using leave under section 54-52.4-03.
2. If an employee requests to use annual leave under section 54-06-14 for any of the reasons identified under subsection 1 of section 54-52.4-02, the employer shall give priority to the request.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 54-21-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-21-18. Custody of office building -- Considered Office building part of capitol building - Director has control of public property capitol grounds - Parking for pregnant employees and employees with infants - Rules - Penalty.

1. The director of the office of management and budget shall control, manage, and maintain the state office building. The building must be considered a part of the state capitol building within the meaning of statutes relating to the custody, maintenance, and control of the state capitol building and grounds, and within the meaning of statutes requiring state departments or agencies to maintain their offices in the state capitol building.
2. Except as otherwise provided by law, the director of the office of management and budget has charge and control of the executive mansion, the capitol, and the park and public grounds connected therewith. Except as provided by sections 39-10-48, 39-10-50, 44-08-18, and 54-21-17.1, the director may adopt rules to promote the health, safety, and general welfare, to prohibit disturbances and disorderly assemblies, to keep the peace, and to regulate nuisances on the capitol grounds and in any of the buildings located on the capitol grounds. The rules may include regulation of public assemblies and accessibility to the buildings and grounds, obstructions, fees, insurance, forms, indemnification by users, and waiver of insurance and indemnity requirements by the director. A person who violates a rule adopted by the director under this section is guilty of an infraction.

3. The office of management and budget shall provide to a state employee a temporary permit or some other means that allow that employee to park on the capitol grounds in any parking area in which a member of the public is allowed to park, if the state employee is pregnant and employed by a state agency housed on the capitol grounds or if the state employee is allowed by a state agency housed on the capitol grounds to bring an infant to work. This subsection does not authorize a state employee to park in an emergency or fire zone, in parking for the mobility impaired, or in a zone for which another permit is required. The special parking authorized under this subsection expires when the employee is no longer pregnant or no longer authorized to bring an infant to work.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 54-52.4-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-52.4-03. Use of other available leave for care of parent, spouse, or child.

An employer that provides leave for its employees for illnesses or other medical or health reasons shall grant an employee's request to use that leave to care for the employee's child, spouse, or parent if the child, spouse, or parent has a serious health condition. An employee may take ~~eightyfour~~ eighty hundred ~~eighty~~ hours of leave under this section in any twelve-month period and, ~~upon approval of the employee's supervisor and pursuant to rules adopted by the director of the office of management and budget, the employee may take, in any twelve-month period, up to an additional ten percent of the employee's accrued sick leave to care for the employee's child, spouse, or parent if the child, spouse, or parent has a serious health condition.~~ The employer shall compensate the employee for leave used by the employee under this section on the same basis as the employee would be compensated if the leave had been taken due to the employee's own illness.

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-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1387.

House Vote: Yeas 92 Nays 0 Absent 2

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

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Governor

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Secretary of State