



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1002

*Introduced by: The Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources at the request of the Department of Public Safety*

1 **An Act to revise the daily meal allowance for wildland fire employees and fire**  
2 **suppression forces in certain circumstances.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 3-9:**

5 Notwithstanding §§ 3-9-2 to 3-9-2.2, inclusive, the Department of Public Safety  
6 shall establish a maximum daily meal allowance for wildland fire employees and fire  
7 suppression forces authorized by §§ 34-35-20, 41-20A-8, 41-20A-10, and 41-20A-12,  
8 while performing duties on any uncontrolled fire within the Black Hills Forest Fire Protection  
9 District, or outside the District if the Governor has declared an emergency pursuant to  
10 § 34-48A-5 or 41-20A-8. The amount may not exceed the current United States General  
11 Services Administration per diem rate for South Dakota. The department shall publish the  
12 maximum daily meal allowance to be effective as of October first each year. The daily  
13 meal allowance applies only to meals that are ordered and distributed in a manner  
14 approved by the department.