

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-03-28 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to requirements for a legislative measure mandating health insurance coverage.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-03-28 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-03-28. Health insurance mandated coverage of services - Delayed**
7 **implementation - Cost-benefit analysis requirement.**

- 8 1. A legislative measure mandating health insurance coverage of services or payment
9 for specified providers of services may not be ~~acted on by any committee of the~~
10 ~~legislative assembly unless the measure is accompanied by~~ implemented until
11 studied by the legislative council. In its study, the legislative council shall conduct
12 ~~a cost-benefit analysis provided by the legislative council.~~ Factors to consider in
13 this analysis include:
- 14 a. The extent to which the proposed mandate would increase or decrease the
 - 15 cost of the service.
 - 16 b. The extent to which the proposed mandate would increase the appropriate
 - 17 use of the service.
 - 18 c. The extent to which the proposed mandate would increase or decrease the
 - 19 administrative expenses of insurers and the premium and administrative
 - 20 expenses of insureds.
 - 21 d. The impact of the proposed mandate on the total cost of health care.
- 22 2. ~~A majority of the members of the committee, acting through the chairman, has sole~~
23 ~~authority to determine whether a legislative measure mandates coverage of~~
24 ~~services under this section.~~

- 1 ~~3. Any amendment made during a legislative session to a measure which mandates~~
2 ~~health insurance coverage of services may not be acted on by a committee of the~~
3 ~~legislative assembly unless the amendment is accompanied by a cost-benefit~~
4 ~~analysis provided by the legislative council.~~
- 5 4. The legislative council shall contract with a private entity, after receiving one or
6 more recommendations from the insurance commissioner, to provide the
7 cost-benefit analysis required by this section. The insurance commissioner shall
8 pay the cost of the contracted services to the entity providing the services.
- 9 3. The legislative council shall complete its study by November first of the
10 even-numbered year following enactment of the measure. After completion of the
11 study, the measure must be implemented effective as of August first of the
12 following year.