

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1469

Introduced by

Representatives Sandvig, Koppelman, Boehm

Senators Solberg, B. Stenehjem, Wanzek

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-12 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a prohibition on the use of public and health insurance funds for
3 assisting in the commission of a suicide; and to provide an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 23-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Suicide and euthanasia - Use of public and health insurance funds prohibited.** No
8 funds of this state or any agency or political subdivision of the state and no federal funds
9 passing through the state treasury or a state agency may be used to provide, procure, furnish,
10 fund, or support, or to compel any person to provide, procure, furnish, fund, or support, any
11 item, good, benefit, program, or service, the purpose of which is to cause, or to assist in
12 causing, the suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing of any individual. No health insurance
13 provider that issues policies or contracts, collects premiums, or makes payments in the state
14 may offer, provide coverage, or pay for any services that are intended to or result in the
15 unnatural termination of human life.

16 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** If the United States supreme court declares the law
17 of another state which is substantially similar to sections 12.1-16-04, 12.1-16-05, and
18 12.1-16-06 unconstitutional, the attorney general shall certify that fact to the governor and the
19 legislative council. Section 1 of this Act is effective upon certification by the attorney general to
20 the governor and the legislative council that sections 12.1-16-04, 12.1-16-05, and 12.1-16-06
21 are substantially similar to a law of another state which has been declared to be
22 unconstitutional by the United States supreme court.