

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1356

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 12.1-16 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a prohibition on the use of public funds for assisted suicide.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 12.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **State policy on assisted suicide - Use of public funds prohibited.** It is the policy of
7 the state of North Dakota that every competent adult has the right and the responsibility to
8 control the decisions relating to the adult's own medical care, including the decision to have
9 medical or surgical means or procedures calculated to prolong the adult's life provided,
10 withheld, or withdrawn. The state of North Dakota, however, does not condone, authorize,
11 approve, or permit mercy killing, euthanasia, or assisted suicide or permit any affirmative or
12 deliberate act or omission to end life other than to permit the natural process of dying.

13 No funds of this state or any agency, county, municipality, or any other political
14 subdivision and no federal funds passing through the state treasury or a state agency may be
15 used to provide, procure, furnish, fund, or support, or to compel any individual, institution, or
16 public entity to provide, procure, furnish, fund, or support, any item, good, benefit, program, or
17 service, the purpose of which is to cause, or to assist in causing, the suicide, euthanasia, or
18 mercy killing of any individual.