

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

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; to repeal sections 12.1-16-04, 12.1-16-05, and
4 12.1-16-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to assisting in the commission of a
5 suicide; and to provide an effective date.

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

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

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

18 **SECTION 2. REPEAL.** Sections 12.1-16-04, 12.1-16-05, and 12.1-16-06 of the 1995
19 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code are repealed.

20 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** If the United States supreme court declares the law
21 of another state which is substantially similar to sections 12.1-16-04, 12.1-16-05, and
22 12.1-16-06 unconstitutional, the attorney general shall certify that fact to the governor and the
23 legislative council. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act are effective upon certification by the attorney
24 general to the governor and the legislative council that sections 12.1-16-04, 12.1-16-05, and

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- 1 12.1-16-06 are substantially similar to a law of another state which has been declared to be
- 2 unconstitutional by the United States supreme court.