

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1165

Introduced by

Human Services Committee

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 50-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating
2 to substance abuse treatment programs; to amend and reenact subsection 12 of section
3 25-03.1-02 and subdivision b of subsection 2 of section 26.1-36-08 of the North Dakota Century
4 Code, relating to the correction of statutory cross-references; and to repeal chapter 23-17.1 of
5 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the licensing of addiction hospitals.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 12 of section 25-03.1-02 of the North Dakota
8 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 12. "Private treatment facility" means any facility established under chapter 10-19.1 or
10 10-33 and licensed under chapter 23-16 or ~~23-17.1~~ 50-31.

11 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision b of subsection 2 of section 26.1-36-08 of the
12 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

13 b. In the case of benefits provided for partial hospitalization, the benefits must be
14 provided for a minimum of one hundred twenty days of services covered
15 under this section and section 26.1-36-09 in any calendar year if provided by
16 a hospital as defined in subsection 25 of section 52-01-01 and rules of the
17 state department of health pursuant thereto or as licensed under ~~section~~
18 ~~23-17.1-04~~ chapter 50-31, or by a regional human service center licensed
19 under section 50-06-05.2, offering treatment for the prevention or cure of
20 alcoholism, drug addiction, or other related illness. For services provided in
21 regional human service centers, charges must be reasonably similar to the
22 charges for care provided by hospitals as defined in this subsection.

23 **SECTION 3.** Chapter 50-31 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted
24 as follows:

1 **50-31-01. Definition.** "Department" means the department of human services.

2 **50-31-02. License required.** A person, partnership, association, corporation, or limited
3 liability company without a license may not establish, conduct, or maintain in this state a
4 substance abuse treatment program for the care of persons addicted to alcohol or other drugs.
5 The department, in accordance with the laws of this state governing injunctions and other
6 process, may maintain an action in the name of the state against a person, partnership,
7 association, corporation, or limited liability company for establishing, conducting, managing, or
8 operating a substance abuse treatment program without a license or without written approval
9 from the department of plans and specifications for major alterations of, additions to, or
10 construction of substance abuse treatment programs.

11 **50-31-03. Application - Contents.** A person, partnership, association, corporation, or
12 limited liability company desiring a license shall file with the department a verified application
13 containing the name of the applicant, the type of institution to be operated, the location, the
14 name of the individual or individuals in charge, and such other information as the department
15 may require.

16 **50-31-04. Inspection and evaluation of licensed premises.** Every licensed
17 substance abuse treatment program shall obtain and provide to the department a local or state
18 authority certification as to the safety of the premises. The department shall evaluate every
19 licensed substance abuse treatment program according to the rules adopted by the department.

20 **50-31-05. Issuance, suspension, and revocation of license.**

- 21 1. The department is authorized to issue licenses to operate substance abuse
22 treatment programs, for a period of two years, which are found to comply with the
23 provisions of this chapter and rules adopted by the department.
24 2. The department may suspend or revoke a license if a program violates any of the
25 rules adopted by the department.
26 3. Before a license may be suspended or revoked, written notice must be given to the
27 licenseholder. The licenseholder must be furnished with a copy of the notice by
28 registered mail. If a license is revoked, a new application for a license may be
29 considered by the department when the conditions upon which the revocation were
30 based have been corrected and evidence of this fact has been satisfactorily

- 1 furnished. A new license may then be granted after proper inspection has been
2 made and the applicant has complied with all rules adopted by the department.
3 **50-31-06. Information confidential.** Information received by the department through
4 inspections of programs under this chapter is confidential and may not be disclosed except in a
5 proceeding involving the issuance of a license.
6 **SECTION 4. REPEAL.** Chapter 23-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 repealed.