

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

SENATE BILL NO. 2302
(Senator Krebsbach)
(Representative Keiser)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 13-01-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to late payment charges on medical or hospital bills.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 4 of section 13-01-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. ~~No~~ A creditor may not charge, receive, or collect a late payment charge on medical or hospital bills, ~~except that if no payment has been made on the account within the last ninety days, a~~ during the initial ninety days following services. A late payment charge may be imposed at a rate that does not exceed one percent per month, but the charge cannot exceed twenty-five dollars per month. This subsection does not apply in cases of financial hardship as certified by the creditor.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2302.

Senate Vote: Yeas 32 Nays 14 Absent 1

House Vote: Yeas 85 Nays 8 Absent 1

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2003,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State