

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 14-10-17 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to treatment for minors.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 14-10-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **14-10-17. Minors - Treatment for sexually transmitted disease - Drug abuse -**
7 **Alcoholism - Pregnancy.**

- 8 1. Any person of the age of fourteen years or older may contract for and receive
9 examination, care, or treatment for sexually transmitted disease, alcoholism,
10 pregnancy-related care, or drug abuse without permission, authority, or consent of
11 a parent or guardian.
- 12 2. For purposes of this section, "pregnancy-related care" means prenatal care, labor,
13 and delivery, and other health care services to determine the presence of or to
14 treat pregnancy or conditions associated with pregnancy. This section does not
15 authorize a minor to consent to abortion or otherwise supersede the requirements
16 of chapter 14-02.1. A physician or other health care professional or a health care
17 facility may not be compelled against their best judgment to provide
18 pregnancy-related care to a minor based on the minor's own consent. A physician
19 or other health care professional who provides pregnancy-related care to a minor
20 may inform the parent or guardian of the minor of any health care services given or
21 needed if the physician or other health care professional discusses with the minor
22 the reasons for informing the parent or guardian before the disclosure, and in the
23 judgment of the physician or other health care professional:

- 1 a. Failure to inform the parent or guardian would seriously jeopardize the health
- 2 of the minor or the unborn child;
- 3 b. Severe complications are present or anticipated;
- 4 c. Major surgery or prolonged hospitalization is needed; or
- 5 d. Informing the parent or guardian would benefit the minor's physical and
- 6 mental health.