

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2048

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Public Safety Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-01.2 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to hospitals licensed as primary care or acute care participating in the
3 trauma system; to amend and reenact section 23-27-04.6 of the North Dakota Century Code,
4 relating to licensure of quick response units; and to provide an effective date.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 23-01.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Trauma center designation.**

- 9 1. Effective January 1, 2011, a hospital that offers emergency services to the public
10 shall meet trauma center designation standards and participate in the trauma
11 system.
- 12 2. The state health council shall adopt rules that allow provisional trauma designation
13 status for a hospital that is partially compliant with trauma designation standards.
14 When issuing a provisional trauma designation, the state health council shall allow
15 a reasonable amount of time, determined by the department, for a hospital to fully
16 meet all trauma designation standards.

17 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-27-04.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is
18 amended and reenacted as follows:

19 **23-27-04.6. Quick response units.** ~~Notwithstanding contrary licensing and~~
20 ~~certification requirements under this chapter, department~~ Department licensure or certification
21 as a quick response unit is not optional. The department's standards under section 23-27-04
22 for the time when a quick response unit's services must be available may not require
23 twenty-four hour availability.

1 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 2 of this Act becomes effective January 1,
2 2010.