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Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2294

Introduced by

Senators Nelson, Mathern, Oehlke

Representative Ekstrom

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 26.1-36 and a new section to
- 2 chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to health insurance policies for
- 3 telemedicine.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- 5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 26.1-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is 6 created and enacted as follows:
- 7 **Telemedicine.** An insurance company, nonprofit health service corporation, or health
- 8 maintenance organization may not deliver, issue, execute, or renew any hospital, surgical,
- 9 medical, or major medical benefit policy on an individual, group, blanket franchise, or
- 10 <u>association basis unless the policy, contract, or evidence of coverage provides a policy for</u>
- 11 coverage of telemedicine services.
- **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
- 13 created and enacted as follows:
- 14 <u>Uniform group insurance program Telemedicine.</u> The board shall provide a policy
- 15 for coverage of telemedicine services under either a contract for insurance pursuant to section
- 16 54-52.1-04 or under a self-insurance plan pursuant to section 54-52.1-04.2 in the same manner
- 17 <u>as provided under section 1 of this Act.</u>