

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

SENATE BILL NO. 2048  
(Legislative Council)  
(Public Safety Committee)

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

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

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

**Trauma center designation.**

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

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

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

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2048.

Senate Vote:      Yeas      46              Nays      0              Absent      1

House Vote:      Yeas      92              Nays      0              Absent      2

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State