

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Judicial Process Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 25-03.1-23 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to those mental health professionals authorized to execute a certificate regarding a  
3 continuing treatment order; and to declare an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 25-03.1-23 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **25-03.1-23. Petition for continuing treatment orders.**

8 A petition for an order authorizing continuing treatment must contain a statement setting  
9 forth the reasons for the determination that the patient continues to be a person requiring  
10 treatment; a statement describing the treatment program provided to the patient and the results  
11 of that treatment; and a clinical estimate as to how long further treatment will be required. The  
12 petition must be accompanied by a certificate executed by a physician, psychiatrist, ~~or~~  
13 psychologist, or licensed addiction counselor, any of whom is practicing within that individual's  
14 professional scope of practice.

15 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.