

Sixty-fourth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1048**

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Human Services Committee)

A BILL ~~for an Act to create and enact subsection 6 to section 23-01-03, sections 43-17-44 and 43-32-35, subsection 11 to section 43-41-09, subdivision k to subsection 1 of section 43-45-04, subsection 8 to section 43-47-03, and subsection 8 to section 43-53-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to state department of health oversight and administration of the development of uniform licensing and reciprocity standards for licensees of the board of addiction counseling examiners, board of counselor examiners, North Dakota board of social work examiners, state board of psychologist examiners, state board of medical examiners, and North Dakota marriage and family therapy licensure board.~~ for an Act to provide for behavioral health licensure boards to each develop a plan, in collaboration with the other boards, for the administration and implementation of licensing and reciprocity standards for licensees.

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

~~SECTION 1. Subsection 6 to section 23-01-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:~~

~~6. Develop a plan, during the 2015-16 interim, for the administration and implementation of uniform licensing and reciprocity standards for licensees of the board of addiction counseling examiners, board of counselor examiners, North Dakota board of social work examiners, state board of psychologist examiners, state board of medical examiners, and North Dakota marriage and family therapy licensure board. The plan must include a standard for issuance of licenses to qualified applicants within 30 days of application. The health council shall evaluate whether regional, national, and international licensing and reciprocity standards are adequate for licensure in the state. Before July 1, 2016, the health council shall present its findings, the proposed plan, and any legislative changes necessary to implement that plan, to an interim committee designated by the legislative management.~~

1 — **SECTION 2.** Section 43-17-44 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as  
2 follows:

3 — **43-17-44. Licensing and reciprocity standards uniformity.**

4 — The board shall participate with and respond to requests from the health council relating to  
5 administration and implementation of uniform licensing and reciprocity standards for licensees  
6 of the board.

7 — **SECTION 3.** Section 43-32-35 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as  
8 follows:

9 — **43-32-35. Licensing and reciprocity standards uniformity.**

10 — The board shall participate with and respond to requests from the health council relating to  
11 administration and implementation of uniform licensing and reciprocity standards for licensees  
12 of the board.

13 — **SECTION 1.** Subsection 11 to section 43-41-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
14 created and enacted as follows:

15 — 11. Participate with and respond to requests from the health council relating to  
16 administration and implementation of uniform licensing and reciprocity standards for  
17 licensees of the board.

18 — **SECTION 2.** Subdivision k to subsection 1 of section 43-45-04 the North Dakota Century  
19 Code is created and enacted as follows:

20 — k. Participate with and respond to requests from the health council relating to  
21 administration and implementation of uniform licensing and reciprocity standards  
22 for licensees of the board.

23 — **SECTION 6.** Subsection 8 to section 43-47-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
24 and enacted as follows:

25 — 8. Participate with and respond to requests from the health council relating to  
26 administration and implementation of uniform licensing and reciprocity standards for  
27 licensees of the board.

28 — **SECTION 7.** Subsection 8 to section 43-53-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
29 and enacted as follows:

~~8. The board shall participate with and respond to requests from the health council relating to administration and implementation of uniform licensing and reciprocity standards for licensees of the board.~~

**SECTION 1. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LICENSURE BOARDS - PLAN FOR  
ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LICENSING AND RECIPROCITY  
STANDARDS FOR LICENSEES - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**

1. During the 2015-16 interim, the board of addiction counseling examiners, board of counselor examiners, North Dakota board of social work examiners, state board of psychologist examiners, state board of medical examiners, and North Dakota marriage and family therapy licensure board, shall, in collaboration with the other boards, develop a plan for the administration and implementation of licensing and reciprocity standards for licensees. The plan must include a standard for issuance of licenses to qualified applicants in a timely manner. The boards shall evaluate whether regional, national, or international licensing and reciprocity standards are adequate for licensure in the state.
2. Before July 1, 2016, each board shall present its findings, the proposed plan, and any legislative changes necessary to implement the plan, to the legislative management.