

Sixty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1251**

Introduced by

Representatives Louser, Beadle, Brabandt, Dockter, B. Koppelman, M. Ruby, Vetter

Senators Burckhard, Hogue

- 1 A BILL for an Act to to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-17 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to an inmate program to construct homes for low-income home buyers.

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

- 4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Inmate housing construction program.**

- 7 1. The industrial commission and the department of corrections and rehabilitation shall  
8 collaborate to establish a program through which inmates are provided housing  
9 construction vocational skills through the construction of homes that are made  
10 available for sale to low-income home buyers.
- 11 2. The industrial commission:
- 12 a. May appoint an advisory board to assist with this program, which may include  
13 private and public membership.
- 14 b. May offer home purchase financing or loan guarantees through the Bank of North  
15 Dakota.
- 16 c. May administer the program through the housing finance agency.
- 17 d. Shall establish home buyer qualifications, which must include provisions:
- 18 (1) Setting household income limits.
- 19 (2) Requiring the program home be used as the home buyer's sole residence.
- 20 (3) Requiring the program home to be placed within the state.
- 21 3. The department of corrections and rehabilitation:
- 22 a. May add this program to the program of modified workers' compensation  
23 coverage established under chapter 65-06.2.
- 24 b. May employ inmates under this program in accordance with chapter 12-48.