

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with House Amendments**

Fifty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2036**

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Budget Committee on Long-Term Care)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 50-06-14.4 and 50-24.5-01 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to assisted living facilities; to require the preparation of a  
3 recommendation by the department of human services and the state department of health; to  
4 provide an effective date; and to provide an expiration date.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-06-14.4 of the 1997 Supplement to the North  
7 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **50-06-14.4. Alzheimer's and related dementia and twenty-four hour care projects.**

9 The department of ~~human services~~ shall establish projects designed to meet the service needs  
10 of the alzheimer's and related dementia population and other aged, blind, or disabled persons  
11 who require twenty-four hour care. The projects established under this section must explore  
12 the financial and service viability of converting existing nursing facility or basic care capacity to  
13 a specific twenty-four hour service environment that targets either the alzheimer's and related  
14 dementia population or other aged, blind, or disabled persons who require twenty-four hour  
15 care. Project costs must be met using amounts appropriated to the department. Approval  
16 preference must be given to projects that involve a reduction in nursing facility beds due to  
17 delicensing an entire nursing facility or basic care facility or wing of a nursing facility or basic  
18 care facility. The state department of health shall cooperate with the department to ensure the  
19 success of the projects. The projects may be established notwithstanding subsections ~~2, 5,~~  
20 ~~4, 9, and 10, and 14~~ and subdivision c of subsection 9 ~~8~~ of section 50-24.5-01, ~~relating to~~  
21 ~~definitions for aid to aged, blind, and disabled persons, and subsection 1 of section 23-09.3-01,~~  
22 ~~relating to the definition of a basic care facility.~~

23 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-24.5-01 of the 1997 Supplement to the North  
24 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 1           **50-24.5-01. Definitions.** In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 2           1. "Assisted living facility" means a facility that:
- 3           a. Makes response staff available at all times;
- 4           b. Provides housing and:
- 5                 (1) Congregate meals;
- 6                 (2) Kitchen facilities in each resident's living quarters; or
- 7                 (3) Any combination of congregate meals and kitchen facilities in each
- 8                         resident's living quarters sufficient to assure each resident adequate
- 9                         access to meals;
- 10           c. Assures provision of:
- 11                 (1) Personal care, therapeutic care, and social and recreational
- 12                         programming;
- 13                 (2) Supervision, safety, and security;
- 14                 (3) Medication services; and
- 15                 (4) Transportation services;
- 16           d. Fosters dignity, respect, and independence by allowing, to the maximum
- 17                         extent feasible, each resident to determine the resident's service providers,
- 18                         routines of care provision, and service delivery; and
- 19           e. Serves five or more adult residents, unrelated to the proprietor, on a specified
- 20                         premises not licensed under chapter 23-20 or 25-16, which meets the
- 21                         requirements of the national fire protection association 101 Life Safety Code,
- 22                         as applicable.
- 23           2. "Aged" means at least sixty-five years of age.
- 24           ~~2. "Assisted living" means an environment where a person lives in an apartment-like~~
- 25           ~~unit and receives services on a twenty-four hour basis to accommodate that~~
- 26           ~~person's needs and abilities to maintain as much independence as possible.~~
- 27           3. ~~"Basic care facility" means a facility defined in section 23-09.3-01 which is not~~
- 28           ~~owned or operated by the state.~~
- 29           4. "Blind" has the same meaning as the term has when used by the social security
- 30           administration in the supplemental security income program under title XVI of the
- 31           Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.].



- 1     ~~44.~~ 10. "Living independently" includes living in congregate housing. The term does not  
2                   include living in an institution.
- 3             11. "Proprietor" means a person responsible for day-to-day administration and  
4                   management of a facility.
- 5             12. "Qualified service provider" means a county agency or independent contractor who  
6                   agrees to meet standards for services and operations established by the  
7                   department.
- 8             13. "Related to the proprietor" means a person who is a proprietor's spouse or former  
9                   spouse, or a parent, stepparent, grandparent, stepgrandparent, child, stepchild,  
10                  grandchild, stepgrandchild, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother, or  
11                  stepsister of a proprietor or proprietor's spouse or former spouse.
- 12            14. "Remedial care" means services that produce the maximum reduction of an  
13                  eligible beneficiary's physical or mental disability and the restoration of an eligible  
14                  beneficiary to the beneficiary's best possible functional level.
- 15     ~~44.~~ 15. "Would be eligible to receive the cash benefits except for income" refers to a  
16                  person whose countable income, less the cost of necessary remedial care that  
17                  may be provided under this chapter, does not exceed an amount equal to the cash  
18                  benefit under title XVI of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.] which the  
19                  person would receive if the person had no income, plus forty-five dollars.

20                   **SECTION 3. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND STATE DEPARTMENT**

21 **OF HEALTH - RECOMMENDATION.** The department of human services and the state  
22 department of health, after consultation with individuals and entities determined appropriate by  
23 those departments, shall prepare a recommendation for consideration by the fifty-seventh  
24 legislative assembly describing the conversion of current basic care and assisted living facilities  
25 into an integrated long-term housing and service system entitled assisted living. The  
26 recommendation must include appropriate methods and means for the inspection, regulation,  
27 and payment systems for assisted living facilities that respect residents' choices of care  
28 providers. That recommendation must include a proposed budget and any necessary  
29 implementing legislation and appropriation.

30                   **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 2 of this Act becomes effective on July 1,  
31 2001.

- 1           **SECTION 5. EXPIRATION DATE.** Section 1 of this Act is effective through June 30,  
2 2001, and after that date is ineffective.