

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1143**

Introduced by

Representative DeKrey

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for patient copies of medical records.

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

3 **SECTION 1. Copies of medical records.** As used in this section, "medical provider"  
4 means a person providing health care services, including a hospital, physician, chiropractor,  
5 medical clinic, and pharmacy. The copying costs and administrative expense provisions of this  
6 section apply to every medical provider unless expressly provided otherwise by law. Upon the  
7 written request of a medical provider's patient or any person authorized by a patient, the  
8 medical provider shall:

- 9 1. Make medical records existing at the time of the written request available for  
10 copying at the patient's expense; or  
11 2. Make copies of the requested patient records and may charge the patient a  
12 reasonable amount for copying expenses. If the records do not exceed  
13 seventy-five pages and the records are in the possession of the medical provider  
14 or an agent of the medical provider, the reasonable per page amount for copying  
15 expenses is presumed not to exceed twenty-five cents. If the records exceed fifty  
16 pages, the medical provider may charge the patient an administrative fee equal to  
17 the medical provider's labor expense of copying the records.