

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments**

ENGROSSED 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.**

4 1. As used in this section, "medical provider" means a licensed individual or licensed
5 facility providing health care services. This section applies to every medical
6 provider unless expressly provided otherwise by law. Upon the written request of
7 a medical provider's patient or any person authorized by a patient, the medical
8 provider shall:

- 9 a. Provide a free copy of a patient's medical records to a medical provider
10 designated by the patient or the person authorized by the patient if the
11 records are requested for the purpose of transferring that patient's medical
12 care to another medical provider for the continuation of medical treatment.
- 13 b. Provide a copy of a patient's medical records requested for any purpose other
14 than the continuation of care for a maximum charge of twenty dollars for the
15 first twenty-five pages and seventy-five cents per page for every page beyond
16 twenty-five. This charge includes any administrative fee, retrieval fee, and
17 postage expense.

18 2. A written medical records release must be for a specific stated time, but not to
19 exceed three years or until revoked in writing by the patient.