

**Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the
Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine**

SENATE BILL NO. 2253
(Senators Watne, Lyson)

AN ACT to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 1 of section 23-07.5-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to confidentiality of human immunodeficiency virus infection test results; and to amend and reenact section 23-07-02.1 and subsection 2 of section 23-07-07.5 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to reports of human immunodeficiency virus infection.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 23-07-02.1 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

23-07-02.1. Reports of human immunodeficiency virus infection - Penalty. Every attending physician treating an individual known by the physician to have a diagnosis of human immunodeficiency virus infection, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or human immunodeficiency virus related illness, including death from human immunodeficiency virus infection, shall make a report on that individual to the state department of health. ~~All persons, other than an attending physician, a person~~ treating an individual known to have human immunodeficiency virus infection in a hospital, a clinic, a sanitarium, a regional or local correctional facility or juvenile detention center, the North Dakota youth correctional center, or other private or public institution shall make a report on that individual to an official designated by the respective facility to receive reports of significant infectious diseases within the facility administrator or the facility administrator's designee. Further release of information on any individual known to have human immunodeficiency virus infection may only be provided to medical personnel providing direct care to the individual. The designated official shall, if satisfied that the report is valid, make a report to the department on each individual having a diagnosis of human immunodeficiency virus infection, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or human immunodeficiency virus related illness, including death from human immunodeficiency virus infection, unless the diagnosed individual's attending physician has made such a report. The reports required under this section must contain the name, date of birth, sex, and address of the individual reported on and the name and address of the physician or designated official making the report. Failure by a facility to designate an official to whom reports must be made is an infraction. Any person who in good faith complies with this section is immune from civil and criminal liability for any action taken in compliance with this section.

SECTION 2. A new subdivision to subsection 1 of section 23-07.5-05 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

If the test subject is in the physical custody of the department of corrections and rehabilitation, to the director of the facility having physical custody of the test subject. If the test subject is a resident of the North Dakota youth correctional center, to the superintendent. If the test subject is in a correctional facility as defined in chapter 12-44.1, to the correctional facility administrator.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 23-07-07.5 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. The results of any positive or reactive test must be reported to the state department of health in the manner prescribed by the department and to the individual tested. Subsection 1 does not require the testing of an individual before sentencing or the testing of an individual held in a jail or correctional facility awaiting transfer to the state penitentiary.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2253.

Senate Vote: Yeas 48 Nays 0 Absent 1

House Vote: Yeas 96 Nays 0 Absent 2

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

Governor

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Secretary of State