Fifty-seventh
Legislative Assembly   **ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1360**
of North Dakota

Introduced by

   Representatives Jensen, Gulleson, Keiser, F. Klein

   Senators Kilzer, T. Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 43-12.1 of the North Dakota

2 Century Code, relating to a study of nursing needs; and to provide an expiration date.

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

4   **SECTION 1. Nursing needs study.** The board may address issues of supply and

5 demand for nurses, including issues of recruitment, retention, and utilization of nurses. The

6 board:

7   1.   May develop a strategic statewide plan to alleviate the nursing shortage in the

8   state by establishing and maintaining a data base on nursing supply and demand

9   in the state, including current supply and demand and future projections, and by

10   selecting priorities from the plan to be addressed.

11   2.   May convene various groups representative of nurses, other health care providers,

12   business and industry, consumers, legislators, and educators to review and

13   comment on data analysis prepared for the board; recommend systematic

14   changes, including strategies for implementation of recommended changes; and

15   evaluate and report the results of these efforts to the legislative assembly and the

16   public.

17   3.   May review and study the nursing educational requirements in this state.

18   4.   May study the nursing shortage in this state and the implications for rural

19   communities.

20   5.   May increase any license or registration fees imposed by the board up to fifteen

21   dollars to reimburse the board for actual expenses incurred under this section.

22   6.   Shall report annually on the progress of the study, if undertaken, to the legislative

23   council and shall provide a final report to the sixtieth legislative assembly.

1   **SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through September 30, 2006,

2   and after that date is ineffective.