

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

SENATE BILL NO. 2070
(Judiciary Committee)
(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 25-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to interstate contracts for the treatment of individuals with mental illness or chemical dependency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 25-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Interstate contracts for treatment of mental illness or chemical dependency.

1. For purposes of this section, "bordering state" means Minnesota, Montana, or South Dakota.
2. Unless prohibited by another law and subject to the exceptions in subsection 3, the department may contract with any appropriate treatment facility in a bordering state for the treatment of mental illness or chemical dependency for residents of North Dakota. The department may also contract with any public or private agency or facility to provide treatment of mental illness or chemical dependency in North Dakota to residents of a bordering state. An individual who receives treatment for mental illness or chemical dependency in another state under this section is subject to the laws of the state in which treatment is provided. An individual who receives treatment in another state under this section must be informed of the consequences of receiving treatment in another state, including the implications of the differences in state laws.
3. A contract may not be entered under this section for treatment to individuals who:
 - a. Are serving a sentence after conviction of a criminal offense;
 - b. Are on probation or parole;
 - c. Are the subject of a presentence investigation; or
 - d. Have been committed involuntarily in North Dakota under chapter 25-03.1 for treatment of mental illness or chemical dependency, except as provided under subsection 5.
4. Contracts entered under this section must, at a minimum:
 - a. Describe the services to be provided;
 - b. Establish responsibility for the costs of services;
 - c. Establish responsibility for the costs of transporting individuals receiving services under this section;
 - d. Specify the duration of the contract;
 - e. Specify the means of terminating the contract;

- f. Specify the terms and conditions for refusal to admit or retain an individual; and
 - g. Identify the goals to be accomplished by the placement of an individual under this section.
5. The department may enter negotiations with appropriate personnel of a bordering state to develop an agreement that conforms to the requirements of this section. An agreement with a bordering state must enable the placement in North Dakota of individuals who are on emergency holds or who have been involuntarily committed as mentally ill or chemically dependent in a bordering state and enable the temporary placement in a bordering state of patients who are on emergency holds in North Dakota under chapter 25-03.1. An agreement with a bordering state must also provide that the North Dakota courts retain jurisdiction over North Dakota residents, and that the bordering state affords to North Dakota residents the rights afforded to them under North Dakota law. Individuals committed by a court of a bordering state and placed in North Dakota facilities continue to be in the legal custody of the bordering state. The bordering state's laws governing length of commitment, reexaminations, and extension of commitment must continue to apply to these residents. In all other respects, residents of a bordering state placed in North Dakota facilities are subject to North Dakota laws. An agreement with a bordering state must specify that responsibility for payment for the cost of care of a resident of a bordering state remains with the bordering state of which that individual is a resident and the cost of care of a North Dakota resident remains with the state of North Dakota.

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-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2070.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 93 Nays 1 Absent 0

Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Governor

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Secretary of State