

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 14-07-08 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the liabilities of a husband and wife for medical care debts.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 14-07-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **14-07-08. Separate and mutual rights and liabilities of husband and wife.** The
7 separate and mutual rights and liabilities of a husband and a wife are as follows:

- 8 1. Neither the husband nor the wife as such is answerable for the acts of the other.
- 9 2. The earnings of one spouse are not liable for the debts of the other spouse, and
10 the earnings and accumulations of either spouse and of any minor children living
11 with either spouse or in one spouse's custody, while the husband and wife are
12 living separate from each other, are the separate property of each spouse.
- 13 3. The husband and wife are liable jointly and severally for any debts contracted by
14 either, while living together, for necessary household supplies of food, clothing, and
15 fuel, medical care, and for shelter for themselves and family, and for the education
16 of their minor children.
- 17 4. The separate property of the husband or wife is not liable for the debts of the other
18 spouse but each is liable for their own debts contracted before or after marriage.