

**HOUSE BILL NO.**

Introduced by

Representative Potter

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to public employees retirement system health insurance coverage of  
3 colorectal cancer screening; and to provide an expiration date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-52.1 is created:

6 **Insurance to cover colorectal cancer screening.** For all contracts or plans for health  
7 insurance which become effective after June 30, 2009, and which do not extend past June 30,  
8 2011, the board shall provide medical benefits coverage under a contract for insurance  
9 pursuant to section 54-52.1-04 or under a self-insurance plan pursuant to section 54-52.1-04.2  
10 of the same type offered under the policy or contract for illnesses for colorectal cancer  
11 screening examinations and laboratory tests of asymptomatic individuals in accordance with  
12 generally accepted standards of medical practice for colorectal cancer screening, such as the  
13 guidelines established by the American cancer society or the American college of  
14 gastroenterology. For purposes of this section, the determination of an individual's screening  
15 risk factors upon which the individual's screening strategy is based must be made by the  
16 individual's physician.

17 **SECTION 2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM - COLORECTAL**  
18 **CANCER SCREENING HEALTH MANDATE DIRECTIVE.** Pursuant to section 54-03-28, the  
19 public employees retirement system shall prepare and request introduction of a bill to the  
20 sixty-second legislative assembly to repeal the expiration date of section 1 of this Act and to  
21 extend the colorectal cancer screening coverage to apply to all group and individual accident  
22 and health insurance policies. The public employees retirement system shall append to the bill  
23 a report regarding the effect of the colorectal cancer screening coverage requirement on the

1 system's health insurance programs, information on the utilization and costs relating to the  
2 coverage, and a recommendation on whether the coverage should continue.

3 **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** Section 1 of this Act is effective through July 31,  
4 2011, and after that date is ineffective.