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Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly   SENATE BILL NO. 2252
of North Dakota

Introduced by

  Senators Mathern, Seymour

  Representatives Price, Kerzman

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   suicide-related medical services; to require a report regarding coverage of suicide-related

4   medical services; and to provide an expiration date.

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

6   **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is

7   created and enacted as follows:

8   **Medical services related to suicide.** For all contracts or plans for health insurance

9   which become effective after June 30, 2007, and which do not extend past June 30, 2009, the

10 board shall provide medical benefits coverage under a contract for insurance pursuant to

11 section 54-52.1-04 or under a self-insurance plan pursuant to section 54-52.1-04.2 of the same

12 type offered under the policy or contract for illness for injury resulting from suicide, attempted

13 suicide, or self-inflicted injury.

14   **SECTION 2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM - COVERAGE OF**

15 **SUICIDE-RELATED MEDICAL SERVICES.** Pursuant to section 54-03-28, the public

16 employees retirement system shall prepare and submit for introduction a bill to the sixty-first

17 legislative assembly to repeal the expiration date for section 1 of this Act and to extend the

18 suicide-related medical services coverage to apply to all group and individual health insurance

19 policies. The public employees retirement system shall append to the bill a report regarding the

20 effect of the suicide-related medical services coverage requirement on the system's health

21 insurance programs, information on the utilization and costs relating to the coverage, and a

22 recommendation on whether the coverage should continue.

23   **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** Section 1 of this Act is effective through July 31,

24 2009, and after that date is ineffective.