

Sixtieth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1154

Introduced by

Representative Keiser

Senator Kilzer

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 23-39 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating  
2 to regulation of tanning facilities; and to provide a penalty.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 23-39 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
5 as follows:

6 **23-39-01. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 7 1. "Department" means the state department of health.  
8 2. "Phototherapy device" means equipment that emits ultraviolet radiation and is  
9 used in treating disease.  
10 3. "Tanning device" means equipment that emits electromagnetic radiation having  
11 wavelengths in the air between two hundred and four hundred nanometers and  
12 which is used for tanning of human skin and any equipment used with that  
13 equipment, including food and drug administration-approved protective eyewear,  
14 timers, and handrails. The term does not include a phototherapy device used by a  
15 physician.  
16 4. "Tanning facility" means a place or business that provides individuals access to a  
17 tanning device.

18 **23-39-02. Permit - Fee.** A person may not operate a tanning facility without a permit  
19 issued by the department under this chapter. The holder of a permit shall display the permit in  
20 a conspicuous place at the tanning facility for which the permit is issued. Permits issued under  
21 this chapter expired annually on June thirtieth. An applicant for a permit shall submit an  
22 application for a permit to the department, on a form provided by the department, with a permit  
23 fee established by the department. The application must include the name and complete

1 mailing address and street address of the tanning facility and any other information reasonably  
2 required by the department for the administration of this section.

3 **23-39-03. Advertising - Notice - Warning sign - Tubes - Prohibited claims.**

4 1. A tanning facility may not state in any advertising that the tanning facility holds a  
5 license or permit issued by the department to operate a tanning facility.

6 2. A tanning facility shall give to each of the tanning facility's customers written notice  
7 of the following:

8 a. Failure to wear the eye protection provided by the tanning facility may result  
9 in damage to the customer's eyes and may cause cataracts;

10 b. Overexposure to a tanning device causes burns;

11 c. Repeated exposure to a tanning device may cause premature aging of the  
12 skin and may cause skin cancer;

13 d. Abnormal skin sensitivity or burning of the skin while using a tanning device  
14 may be caused by:

15 (1) Certain foods;

16 (2) Certain cosmetics; and

17 (3) Certain medications, including tranquilizers, diuretics, antibiotics, high  
18 blood pressure medicines, and birth control pills; and

19 e. An individual who takes a drug should consult a physician before using a  
20 tanning device.

21 3. A tanning facility shall display prominently a warning sign in each area where a  
22 tanning device is used. The warning sign must convey the following directions and  
23 information:

24 a. Follow instructions.

25 b. Avoid too frequent or too lengthy exposure. Like exposure to the sun, use of  
26 a tanning device can cause eye and skin injury and allergic reactions.

27 Repeated exposure can cause chronic sun damage, which is characterized  
28 by wrinkling, dryness, fragility and bruising of the skin, and skin cancer.

29 c. Wear food and drug administration-approved protective eyewear.

- 1           d. Ultraviolet radiation from tanning devices will aggravate the effects of the sun,  
2           so do not sunbathe during the twenty-four hours immediately preceding or  
3           immediately following the use of a tanning device.
- 4           e. Medications and cosmetics may increase your sensitivity to ultraviolet  
5           radiation. Consult a physician before using a tanning device if you are using  
6           medications, have a history of skin problems, or believe that you are  
7           especially sensitive to sunlight. Women who are pregnant or using birth  
8           control pills and who use a tanning device may develop discolored skin.
- 9           f. If your skin does not tan when exposed to the sun, it is unlikely that your skin  
10           will tan when exposed to this tanning device.
- 11          4. The tanning facility shall maintain a record of the date on which each fluorescent  
12           tube is replaced.
- 13          5. An owner or employee of a tanning facility may not claim, or distribute materials  
14           that claim, that using a tanning device is free of risk.

15          **23-39-04. Liability.** A tanning facility's compliance with this chapter does not relieve  
16          the owner or any employee of the tanning facility from liability for injury sustained by a user of a  
17          tanning device.

18          **23-39-05. Duties.**

- 19          1. The owner of a tanning facility shall ensure that all of the following are fulfilled:
- 20           a. A customer under eighteen years of age may not be permitted to use the  
21           tanning facility until the customer provides the facility with written consent, in  
22           a form prescribed by the department, of a parent or legal guardian to use the  
23           tanning facility. The consent must indicate that the parent or legal guardian  
24           has read the warnings required by this chapter and that the customer agrees  
25           to wear food and drug administration-approved protective eyewear. The  
26           parent or legal guardian shall provide a notarized statement of consent or  
27           sign the consent form in the presence of the owner of the tanning facility or an  
28           employee responsible for the operation of the ultraviolet radiation device of  
29           the facility. The written consent form expires twelve months from the date  
30           signed. A customer under the age of fourteen years may not be allowed to  
31           utilize a tanning device at a tanning facility without a written order from a

- 1                   physician licensed in this state and without being accompanied by a parent or  
2                   legal guardian for every use of the tanning facility.
- 3                   b. During operating hours there is present at the tanning facility a trained  
4                   operator who is able to inform customers about, and assist customers in, the  
5                   proper use of tanning devices.
- 6                   c. Each tanning bed is properly sanitized after each use.
- 7                   d. Properly sanitized and securely fitting food and drug administration-approved  
8                   protective eyewear that protects the wearer's eyes from ultraviolet radiation  
9                   and allows enough vision to maintain balance is made available to the  
10                   customer.
- 11                   e. A customer is not allowed to use a tanning device unless the customer  
12                   agrees to use food and drug administration-approved protective eyewear.
- 13                   f. A customer is shown how to use such physical aids as handrails and  
14                   markings on the floor to determine the proper distance from the tanning  
15                   device.
- 16                   g. A timing device that is accurate within ten percent is used.
- 17                   h. Each tanning device is equipped with a mechanism that allows the customer  
18                   to turn off the tanning device.
- 19                   i. A customer is limited to the maximum exposure time recommended by the  
20                   manufacturer.
- 21                   j. A customer is not allowed to use a tanning device more than once every  
22                   twenty-four hours.
- 23                   k. The interior temperature of the tanning facility does not exceed one hundred  
24                   degrees Fahrenheit.
- 25                   l. The statements under subdivision a of subsection 2 are retained by the  
26                   tanning facility for the lesser of three years or until the customer signs a new  
27                   statement.
- 28                   2. A user of a tanning facility shall do all of the following:
- 29                   a. Immediately before the customer's first use of a tanning facility in a year, sign  
30                   a statement acknowledging that the customer has read and understands the  
31                   notice under subsection 2 of section 23-39-03 and the warning sign under

1                    subsection 3 of section 23-39-03 and specifying that the customer agrees to  
2                    use food and drug administration-approved protective eyewear.

3                    b. Use food and drug administration-approved protective eyewear at all times  
4                    while using a tanning device.

5                    **23-39-06. Injury reports.** If an individual requires medical attention due to use of a  
6 tanning facility, any physician, medical professional, or the owner of that tanning facility shall  
7 report that injury to the department in writing and send a copy of that report to the injured  
8 individual. The owner of the tanning facility shall retain a copy of the report for at least three  
9 years.

10                   **23-39-07. Enforcement - Rules - Penalty.** The department shall enforce this chapter.  
11 The state health council shall adopt rules necessary to implement this chapter. The  
12 department may deny issuance of a permit to an applicant or suspend or revoke any permit  
13 issued under this chapter if the applicant or permitholder, or an employee of the applicant or  
14 permitholder, violates this chapter or any rule adopted to implement this chapter. Violation of  
15 this chapter or any rule adopted to implement this chapter is a class B misdemeanor.