Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2068

Introduced by

Human Services Committee

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-24.4-29 of the North Dakota Century Code,

2 relating to establishment of a geropsychiatric unit within a nursing home; and to declare an

3 emergency.

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

5   **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-24.4-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is

6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7   **50-24.4-29. Limits on geropsychiatric facilities.** ~~The number of units within nursing~~

8 ~~homes which exclusively provide geropsychiatric services may not exceed one, and admission~~

9 ~~to a nursing home which exclusively provides geropsychiatric services may only be granted~~

10 ~~after the state hospital has performed an evaluation of the individual being admitted.~~ Only two

11 nursing homes within the state may have a unit that exclusively provides geropsychiatric

12 services and no more than one geropsychiatric unit may be located in any one nursing home.

13 Admission to one of the nursing homes that exclusively provides geropsychiatric services for

14 the purpose of receiving geropsychiatric services may be granted only after the state hospital

15 has performed an evaluation of the individual being admitted which indicates the individual is in

16 need of nursing home geropsychiatric services. If at any time the number of approved

17 geropsychiatric units in the state is below two, the department may select a geropsychiatric unit

18 based on the experience, qualification, and capacity of the nursing homes that propose to

19 provide geropsychiatric services. After ~~a~~ the geropsychiatric ~~unit has~~ units have been

20 established within ~~a~~ the nursing ~~home~~ homes, the state hospital may not offer geropsychiatric

21 services through ~~a separate~~ any other geropsychiatric unit.

22   **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.