

**SENATE BILL NO. 2048**

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Public Safety Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-16 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to hospitals licensed as primary care or acute care participating in the  
3 trauma system; to amend and reenact section 23-27-04.6 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
4 relating to licensure of quick response units; and to provide an effective date.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 23-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Primary care and acute care hospitals - Trauma centers.** Effective for initial  
9 licensures and license renewals taking place after December 31, 2009, as a condition for  
10 licensure as a primary care hospital or an acute care hospital, the hospital shall participate as a  
11 trauma center as part of the trauma system established by the state department of health under  
12 chapter 23-01.2.

13 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-27-04.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
14 amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **23-27-04.6. Quick response units.** ~~Notwithstanding contrary licensing and~~  
16 ~~certification requirements under this chapter, department~~ Department licensure or certification  
17 as a quick response unit is not optional. The department's standards under section 23-27-04  
18 for the time when a quick response unit's services must be available may not require  
19 twenty-four hour availability.

20 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 2 of this Act becomes effective January 1,  
21 2010.