

HOUSE BILL NO. 1174

Introduced by

Representatives Keiser, Ruby

Senators Andrist, Klein

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 23-12-14 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to copies of medical records and medical bills.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-12-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **23-12-14. Copies of medical records and medical bills.**

- 7 1. As used in this section, "health care provider" means a licensed individual or licensed
8 facility providing health care services. Upon the request of a health care provider's
9 patient or any person authorized by a patient, the provider shall provide a free copy of
10 a patient's health care records to a health care provider designated by the patient or
11 the person authorized by the patient if the records are requested for the purpose of
12 transferring that patient's health care to another health care provider for the
13 continuation of treatment.
- 14 2. Except as provided in subsection 1, upon the request for medical records or medical
15 bills with the signed authorization of the patient, the health care provider shall provide
16 medical records and any associated medical bills requested at a charge of no more
17 than twenty dollars for the first twenty-five pages and seventy-five cents per page after
18 twenty-five pages. This charge includes any administration fee, retrieval fee, and
19 postage expense. If this charge exceeds fifty dollars and the health care provider is
20 capable of providing the copies in an electronic, digital, or other computerized format,
21 the health care provider shall provide the copies to the requesting party in that
22 alternative format for a flat fee not to exceed fifty dollars.
- 23 3. Except as provided in subsections 1 and 2, if medical records and bills are provided
24 solely by facsimile transmission or some other format of transmission as provided

1 under subsection 2, the health care provider shall provide the copies at a charge not
2 to exceed ten dollars for the first twenty-five pages and twenty-five cents per page
3 thereafter.