

Sixty-second  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1352

Introduced by

Representatives Delmore, Pietsch, Hogan, Kilichowski

Senators Fischer, J. Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 43 of the North Dakota Century  
2 Code, relating to registration of music therapists; and to provide for a penalty.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new chapter to title 43 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and  
5 enacted as follows:

6 **Definitions.**

- 7 1. "Certificate of registration" means a document issued by the registrar to an individual  
8 who meets the music therapist requirements under this chapter.
- 9 2. "Music therapist" is an individual who practices music therapy.
- 10 3. "Music therapy" is the specialized use of music and the materials of music to restore,  
11 maintain, and improve the following areas of functioning: cognitive, psychological,  
12 social or emotional, affective, physical, sensory or sensorimotor; motor,  
13 communicative; and physiological functioning. Techniques used in the practice of  
14 music therapy include the use of music to provide participatory individual and group  
15 experiences; musical improvisation; therapeutic development of verbal skills and  
16 nonverbal behavior; receptive music learning; lyric discussions; memory recall; music  
17 and imagery; self-expression through composition and songwriting; socialization and  
18 enhancement of self-esteem through music performance; relaxation to music,  
19 including stress and pain management; learning through music; cultural and spiritual  
20 expression; development of fine and gross motor skills through responses to rhythm;  
21 respiratory and speech improvements through sound production; sensory integration  
22 and stimulation; increased awareness of music for development of recreation and  
23 leisure interests; and interactive verbal techniques to help facilitate, elicit, or

1           summarize the techniques listed in this subsection and build the therapeutic  
2           relationship.

3           4. "Registrant" means an individual who holds a valid certificate of registration.

4           5. "Registrar" means the state department of health.

5           **Registration agency.**

6           The state department of health shall receive music therapy registration applications and  
7 shall issue certificates of registration to qualified applicants.

8           **Music therapy registration - Exceptions.**

9           Effective August 1, 2012, a person may not hold oneself out as practicing music therapy,  
10 hold oneself out as being a music therapist, or use a title or other designation indicating the  
11 person is a music therapist in this state unless that person holds a valid certificate of registration  
12 issued by the registrar under this chapter. The registration provisions of this chapter do not  
13 apply to licensed practitioners of professions who practice music therapy within the scope of  
14 practice of the profession for which they are licensed. This chapter does not exempt an  
15 individual who practices music therapy from regulatory provisions of any other profession for  
16 which that individual is licensed.

17          **Application for registration - Fees - Renewal.**

18          1. To obtain a certificate of registration under this chapter, an applicant shall submit to the  
19 registrar a completed application, on forms the registrar prescribes, and shall pay the  
20 annual registration fee of one hundred dollars. A qualified applicant must be at least  
21 eighteen years of age.

22          2. Upon receipt of a completed application and the registration fee submitted by a  
23 qualified applicant, the registrar shall issue a certificate of registration to the applicant.

24          3. A certificate of registration is valid through December thirty-first of the year for which it  
25 is issued. A registrant shall renew the registration annually by submitting to the  
26 registrar the required renewal form, as prescribed by the registrar, and a renewal fee  
27 of one hundred dollars.

28          **Registrant duties - Rules - Deposit of fees.**

29          1. The registrar shall designate on the certificate of registration that the registrant is  
30 certified, registered, or accredited as a music therapist by a registrar-recognized  
31 national organization that certifies, registers, or accredits music therapists.

- 1        2. Any moneys the registrar collects as registration fees or renewal fees under this  
2            chapter must be deposited in the state department of health operating fund in the state  
3            treasury and must be spent subject to appropriation by the legislative assembly.
- 4        **Penalty.**
- 5        Any person that fails to obtain a certificate of registration as required under this chapter is  
6 guilty of an infraction.