

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 geropsychiatric facilities.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-24.4-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **50-24.4-29. ~~Limits on geropsychiatric~~Geropsychiatric facilities.**

7 ~~Only two~~The department may select one or more nursing homes within the state ~~may~~
8 ~~have to operate~~ a unit that exclusively provides geropsychiatric services ~~and no more than one~~
9 ~~geropsychiatric unit may be located in any one nursing home.~~ Admission to one of the nursing
10 homes that exclusively provides geropsychiatric services for the purpose of receiving
11 geropsychiatric services may be granted only after the state hospital has performed an
12 evaluation of the individual being admitted which indicates the individual is in need of nursing
13 home geropsychiatric services. If at any time the department determines that the number of
14 approved geropsychiatric units in the state is ~~below two~~insufficient to meet the needs, the
15 department may select a geropsychiatric unit based on the experience, qualification, and
16 capacity of the nursing homes that propose to provide geropsychiatric services. ~~After the~~
17 ~~geropsychiatric units have been established within the nursing homes, the~~The state hospital
18 may not offer geropsychiatric services through ~~any other geropsychiatric~~ a unit set up exclusively
19 to provide those services.