

Introduced by

Human Services Committee

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 50-06-21 and 50-06-22 and subsection 4 of
2 section 53-12.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to gambling disorder prevention,
3 awareness, crisis intervention, rehabilitation, and treatment services.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-06-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **50-06-21. ~~Compulsive gambling~~Gambling disorder prevention, awareness, crisis**
8 **intervention, rehabilitation, and treatment services.**

9 The department of human services shall contract with qualified treatment service providers
10 for the development and implementation of a program for gambling prevention, awareness,
11 crisis intervention, rehabilitation, financial counseling, and mental health treatment services. The
12 program may provide outpatient services, partial care services, aftercare services, intervention
13 services, financial counseling services, consultation services, or other forms of preventive,
14 rehabilitative, or treatment services for ~~compulsive gamblers~~individuals with a gambling
15 disorder. An individual who provides treatment services must be a ~~mental health professional as~~
16 ~~defined in section 25-03.1-02 and meet the minimum standards for certification as a gambling~~
17 ~~counselor as established by rule by that mental health professional's licensing board~~licensed
18 professional operating within the individual's scope of practice. An individual who provides
19 financial counseling services must be a certified consumer credit counselor with an accredited
20 financial counseling agency. The department of human services may establish a sliding
21 payment scale for services under the program. The department of human services may
22 establish a centrally located repository of educational materials on identifying and treating
23 ~~compulsive gambling~~ disorders. Any service fee collected by qualified treatment service
24 providers for services provided under the contract must be applied toward the program's

1 compulsive gambling disorder services. The term "qualified treatment service provider" means
2 an entity based in North Dakota which is experienced in and capable of delivering compulsive-
3 gambling disorder education, prevention, awareness, crisis intervention, rehabilitation, financial
4 counseling, and mental health treatment services as defined by the department of human
5 services. The term "~~compulsive gambler~~" ~~means an individual who is chronically and~~
6 ~~progressively preoccupied with gambling and the urge to gamble and with "gambling disorder"~~
7 means a chronic, progressive disease that is characterized by a preoccupation with gambling,
8 loss of control over gambling behaviors, and oftentimes disregard for the negative
9 consequences as a result of gambling. Gambling disorder includes gambling behavior that
10 compromises, disrupts, or damages personal, family, or vocational pursuits.

11 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-06-22 of the North Dakota Century Code is
12 amended and reenacted as follows:

13 **50-06-22. ~~Compulsive gambling~~ Gambling disorder prevention and treatment fund -**
14 **Continuing appropriation.**

15 Funds deposited in the compulsive gambling disorder prevention and treatment fund under
16 section 53-12.1-09 are appropriated to the department on a continuing basis for the purpose of
17 providing the services under section 50-06-21.

18 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 53-12.1-09 of the North Dakota
19 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 20 4. Transfer of net proceeds:
- 21 a. Eighty thousand dollars must be transferred to the state treasurer each quarter
 - 22 for deposit in the compulsive gambling disorder prevention and treatment fund;
 - 23 b. An amount for the lottery's share of a game's prize reserve pool must be
 - 24 transferred to the multistate lottery association;
 - 25 c. Starting July 1, 2007, one hundred five thousand six hundred twenty-five dollars
 - 26 must be transferred to the state treasurer each quarter for deposit in the attorney
 - 27 general multijurisdictional drug task force grant fund; and
 - 28 d. The balance of the net proceeds, less holdback of any reserve funds the director
 - 29 may need for continuing operations, must be transferred to the state treasurer on
 - 30 at least an annual basis for deposit in the state general fund.