

**SENATE BILL NO. 2272**

Introduced by

Senator Mathern

Representatives Rohr, Schneider

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 25-02-03 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the object of the state hospital.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 25-02-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **25-02-03. Object of state hospital.**

7 The state hospital is an institution for mental diseases serving specialized populations of the  
8 ~~mentally ill, including persons suffering from drug addiction or alcoholism~~individuals with mental  
9 illness. The state hospital is one component of the North Dakota mental health delivery system  
10 and serves as a resource to community-based treatment programs. The state hospital shall,  
11 pursuant to rules adopted by the department of health and human services, receive and care for  
12 ~~all mentally ill persons, including persons suffering from drug addiction or alcoholism, residing~~  
13 ~~within this state in accordance with this title, and~~individuals with mental illness residing within  
14 this state and in accordance with this title who have been sentenced by a court and are in need  
15 of forensic psychiatric or substance use disorder services or are in need of a forensic  
16 psychiatric evaluation to determine the individual's competency to stand trial. The state hospital  
17 shall furnish to those ~~mentally ill persons~~individuals with mental illness eligible for services  
18 under this section all needed food, shelter, treatment, and support that may tend to restore their  
19 mental health or to alleviate their illness or suffering. For purposes of this section, "court" has  
20 the same meaning as provided under section 12.1-01-04.