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Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1430

Introduced by

Representatives VanWinkle, K. Anderson, Bolinske, Christianson, Frelich, Hoverson, Kasper,
Koppelman, Louser, Heilman

Senators Paulson, Castaneda

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 43-41 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the regulation of social workers.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 43-41 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 ~~**Ethics -- Caring for individuals questioning sexuality or gender identity.**~~

7 1. ~~For purposes of this section, "conversion therapy" means any treatment with the goal~~
8 ~~of changing the sexual orientation or gender identity of an individual. The term~~
9 ~~includes medication, psychotherapy, electroshock therapy, and aversion therapy or~~
10 ~~practice to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity.~~

11 2. ~~It is an ethical violation for a licensee to conductengage in conversion therapy.~~

12 3. ~~It is not an ethical violation for a licensed clinical social worker to counselprovide~~
13 ~~counseling to an individual who is questioning their sexuality or gender and wants to~~
14 ~~align their sexuality or gender with the individual's personal or spiritual beliefs.~~

15 ~~Counseling may not attempt to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender~~
16 ~~identity.~~

17 ~~4. As a condition of engaging in practices or treatment under this section, a licensee:~~

18 ~~a. Shall ensure the practice or treatment is in alignment with the individual's self-~~
19 ~~determination;~~

- 1 ~~_____ b. Shall disclose to the individual being treated the nature of the treatment or~~
- 2 ~~practices; and~~
- 3 ~~_____ c. Must have received authorization from the individual being treated, or that~~
- 4 ~~individual's parent or guardian, to engage in the practices or treatments.~~