

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments**

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 **Caring for individuals questioning sexuality or gender identity.**

- 7 1. For purposes of this section, "conversion therapy" means any treatment or practice to
8 change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity.
9 2. It is an ethical violation for a licensee to engage in conversion therapy.
10 3. It is not an ethical violation for a licensed clinical social worker to provide counseling to
11 an individual who is questioning their sexuality or gender and wants to align their
12 sexuality or gender with the individual's personal or spiritual beliefs. Counseling may
13 not attempt to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity.