

Introduced by

Human Services Committee

(At the request of the Department of Health and 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. Geropsychiatric facilities.**

7 The department may select one or more nursing homes within the state to operate a unit
8 that ~~exclusively~~ provides geropsychiatric services. Admission to one of the nursing homes that
9 ~~exclusively~~ provides geropsychiatric services for the purpose of individuals receiving
10 geropsychiatric services may be granted only after the ~~state hospital has performed an~~
11 ~~evaluation of the individual being admitted which~~department indicates the individual, over the
12 age of twenty-one, is in need of nursing home geropsychiatric services. If at any time the
13 department determines that the number of approved geropsychiatric units in the state is
14 insufficient to meet the needs, the department may select a geropsychiatric unit based on the
15 experience, qualification, and capacity of the nursing homes that propose to provide
16 geropsychiatric services. ~~The state hospital may not offer geropsychiatric services through a~~
17 ~~unit set up exclusively to provide those services.~~