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Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

### SENATE BILL NO. 2081

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~~skilled nursing ~~homes~~facilities within the state to  
8 operate a unit that exclusively provides geropsychiatric services. Admission to one of the skilled  
9 nursing ~~homes~~facilities that exclusively provides geropsychiatric services ~~for the purpose of~~  
10 ~~individuals receiving geropsychiatric services~~ may be granted only after ~~the~~ state hospital has  
11 performed an evaluation of the individual being admitted which ~~department indicates the~~  
12 ~~individual, over the age of twenty-one, is in need of nursing home geropsychiatric services~~an  
13 individual practicing within the scope of their practice determines the individual meets the  
14 criteria for skilled nursing, and needs psychiatric behavioral health services. Admissions from  
15 the state hospital will be given first priority for admission to the units. If at any time the  
16 department determines that the number of approved ~~geropsychiatric~~ units that provide  
17 geropsychiatric services in the state is insufficient to meet the needs, the department may  
18 select ~~a geropsychiatric unit~~additional units based on the experience, qualification, and capacity  
19 of the skilled nursing ~~homes~~facilities that propose to provide geropsychiatric services. ~~The state~~  
20 ~~hospital may not offer geropsychiatric services through a unit set up exclusively to provide those~~  
21 ~~services.~~