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TESTIMONY OF  
NORTH DAKOTA BOARD OF MEDICINE  
SENATE BILL NO. 2042

Chair Wobbema, members of the Committee, I'm Sandra DePountis, Executive Director of the North Dakota Board of Medicine, appearing on behalf of the Board to present Senate Bill 2042, relating to background checks.

Physicians, physician assistants, genetic counselors, and naturopathic doctors are under the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Board of Medicine. Currently in law, only physicians and physician assistants require background checks before licensure. The bill adds this requirement to the other professions under its jurisdiction – genetic counselors and naturopathic doctors. As health care workers, the Board finds such verification for licensure supports its mission of protecting the health and safety of the public. The Board worked with BCI and the FBI on the language of the bill for conformance.

Thank you for your time and attention and I would be happy to answer any questions.

Mission Statement

The Board's mission is to protect the public's health, safety and welfare by regulating the practice of medicine, thereby ensuring quality health care for the citizens of this state.