2025 SENATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

SB 2042

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Workforce Development Committee
Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

SB 2042
1/9/2025

Relating to criminal history record checks for neuropathic doctors and genetic counselors.

9:45 a.m. Chairman Wobbema called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Chairman Wobbema, Vice-Chairman Axtman, Senator Boschee, Senator Larson, Senator Powers.

Discussion Topics:

- Background checks
- Difference between shall and may
- Background checks on renewal of licenses
- Price of background check

9:45 a.m. Sandra DePountis, Executive Director of the North Dakota Board of Medicine testified in favor and submitted testimony #28098.

9:51 a.m. Chairman Wobbema closed the hearing.

Andrew Ficek, Committee Clerk

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SENATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
JANUARY 9, 2025

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.

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Workforce Development Committee
Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

SB 2042
1/16/2025

Relating to obtaining criminal history record checks for naturopathic doctors and genetic counselors; and to amend and reenact subdivision d of subsection 2 of section 12-60-24 of the North Dakota Century Code, providing authority to complete the background checks with the bureau of criminal investigation to complete the criminal history record checks.

10:48 a.m. Chairman Wobbema opened the meeting.

Members Present: Chairman Wobbema, Vice-Chairman Axtman, Senator Boschee, Senator Larson, Senator Powers.

Discussion Topics:

- Clarified bill language and intent

10:49 a.m. Senator Axtman moved a Do Pass.

10:50 a.m. Senator Larson seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Mike Wobbema	Y
Senator Michelle Axtman	Y
Senator Josh Boschee	Y
Senator Diane Larson	Y
Senator Michelle Powers	Y

10:52 a.m. Motion passed 5-0-0.

10:52 a.m. Senator Axtman will carry the bill.

10:53 a.m. Chairman Wobbema closed the hearing.

Andrew Ficek, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2042 (25.8003.01000)

Workforce Development Committee (Sen. Wobbema, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2042 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

2025 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

SB 2042

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Industry, Business and Labor Committee
Room JW327C, State Capitol

SB 2042
3/10/2025

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 43-58-03.1 and section 43-60-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to obtaining criminal history record checks for naturopathic doctors and genetic counselors; and to amend and reenact subdivision d of subsection 2 of section 12-60-24 of the North Dakota Century Code, providing authority to complete the background checks with the bureau of criminal investigation to complete the criminal history record checks.

10:15 a. m. Chairman Warrey opened the meeting.

Members Present: Chairman Warrey, Vice Chairman Ostlie, Vice Chairman Johnson, Representatives Bahl, Brown, Finley-DeVille, Grindberg, Kasper, Koppelman, D. Ruby, Schatz, Schauer, Vollmer

Discussion Topics:

- Background check authority
- BCI language
- Cost $40
- Fingerprinted
- Practiced acts

10:16 a.m. Sandra DePountis, Executive Director, ND Board of Medicine, testified in favor and submitted testimony #39741.

10:24 a.m. Representative Schauer moved Do Pass.

10:25 a.m. Representative Schatz seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Jonathan Warrey	Y
Representative Mitch Ostlie	Y
Representative Jorin Johnson	Y
Representative Landon Bahl	Y
Representative Collette Brown	Y
Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille	Y
Representative Karen Grindberg	Y
Representative Jim Kasper	Y
Representative Ben Koppelman	Y
Representative Dan Ruby	Y
Representative Mike Schatz	Y
Representative Austin Schauer	Y
Representative Daniel R. Vollmer	Y

Motion passed 13-0-0.

10:26 a.m. Representative Ostlie shall carry the bill.

10:26 a.m. Chairman Warrey closed the meeting.

Diane Lillis, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2042 (25.8003.01000)

Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Warrey, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2042 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

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HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS, AND LABOR COMMITTEE
MARCH 10, 2025

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

Chair Warrey, 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.

The North Dakota Board of Medicine has four professions under its jurisdiction: physicians, physician assistants, genetic counselors, and naturopathic doctors. Currently, the law only allows for background checks of physicians and physician assistants. In fulfilling its mission to protect the health and safety of the public, and to thoroughly vet health care practitioners before they provide health care services to the citizens of North Dakota, the Board is requesting authority to obtain background checks for all professions under its jurisdiction.

This bill adds the same language found in the physician and physician assistant practice act to the practice acts of naturopathic doctors (section 2) and genetic counselors (section 3). The Board worked with BCI on the language of the bill for uniformity and conformance (section 1 updates BCI's chapter).

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