

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

SENATE BILL NO. 2308
(Senators Kringstad, Kilzer, Thane)
(Representatives Cleary, Grande, Maragos)

AN ACT to amend and reenact the new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code as created by section 2 of House Bill No. 1089, as approved by the fifty-seventh legislative assembly, relating to compulsive gambling prevention, awareness, crisis intervention, rehabilitation, and treatment services; and to provide an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. The new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code as created by section 2 of House Bill No. 1089, as approved by the fifty-seventh legislative assembly, is amended and reenacted as follows:

Compulsive gambling prevention, awareness, crisis intervention, rehabilitation, and treatment services. The department of human services shall contract with qualified treatment service providers for the development and implementation of a program for gambling prevention, awareness, crisis intervention, rehabilitation, financial counseling, and mental health treatment services. The program may provide outpatient services, partial care services, aftercare services, intervention services, financial counseling services, consultation services, or other form of preventive, rehabilitative, or treatment services for compulsive gamblers. An individual who provides treatment services must ~~meet the minimum standards for certification as a gambling counselor as established by the national council on problem gambling and~~ be a mental health professional as defined in section 25-03.1-02 and meet the minimum standards for certification as a gambling counselor as established by rule by that mental health professional's licensing board. An individual who provides financial counseling services must be a certified consumer credit counselor with an accredited financial counseling agency. The department of human services may establish a sliding payment scale for services under the program. The department of human services may establish a centrally located repository of educational materials on identifying and treating compulsive gambling. Any service fee collected by qualified treatment service providers for services provided under the contract must be applied toward the program's compulsive gambling services. The term "qualified treatment service provider" means an entity based in North Dakota which is experienced in and capable of delivering compulsive gambling education, prevention, awareness, crisis intervention, rehabilitation, financial counseling, and mental health treatment services as defined by the department of human services. The term "compulsive gambler" means an individual who is chronically and progressively preoccupied with gambling and the urge to gamble and with gambling behavior that compromises, disrupts, or damages personal, family, or vocational pursuits.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$89,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of providing for a compulsive gambling prevention, awareness, rehabilitation, and treatment program, of which \$1,000 may be designated for per diem and travel expenses for in-state professional boards to gather information and set certification standards, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2308.

Senate Vote: Yeas 49 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 84 Nays 11 Absent 3

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State