

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-03-28 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to requirements for a legislative measure mandating health insurance coverage.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-03-28 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-03-28. Health insurance mandated coverage of services - Delayed**  
7 **implementation - Cost-benefit analysis requirement.**

- 8 1. A legislative measure mandating health insurance coverage of services or payment  
9 for specified providers of services may not be ~~acted on by any committee of the~~  
10 ~~legislative assembly unless the measure is accompanied by~~ implemented until  
11 studied by the legislative council. In its study, the legislative council shall conduct  
12 a cost-benefit analysis ~~provided by the legislative council.~~ Factors to consider in  
13 this analysis include:
- 14 a. The extent to which the proposed mandate would increase or decrease the  
15 cost of the service.
  - 16 b. The extent to which the proposed mandate would increase the appropriate  
17 use of the service.
  - 18 c. The extent to which the proposed mandate would increase or decrease the  
19 administrative expenses of insurers and the premium and administrative  
20 expenses of insureds.
  - 21 d. The impact of the proposed mandate on the total cost of health care.
- 22 2. ~~A majority of the members of the committee, acting through the chairman, has sole~~  
23 ~~authority to determine whether a legislative measure mandates coverage of~~  
24 ~~services under this section.~~

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- 1           ~~3. Any amendment made during a legislative session to a measure which mandates~~  
2           ~~health insurance coverage of services may not be acted on by a committee of the~~  
3           ~~legislative assembly unless the amendment is accompanied by a cost-benefit~~  
4           ~~analysis provided by the legislative council.~~
- 5           4. The legislative council shall contract with a private entity, after receiving one or  
6           more recommendations from the insurance commissioner, to provide the  
7           cost-benefit analysis required by this section. The insurance commissioner shall  
8           pay the cost of the contracted services to the entity providing the services.
- 9           3. The legislative council shall complete its study by November first of the  
10           even-numbered year following enactment of the measure. After completion of the  
11           study, the measure must be implemented effective as of August first of the  
12           following year.