

Fifty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

Introduced by

Senator Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to use of pharmacy benefits managers by the public employees  
3 retirement board.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Board to contract with pharmacy benefits manager.** To the extent  
6 allowed under federal law, notwithstanding the provisions of section 54-52.1-04, the board shall  
7 contract with one or more non-domestic pharmacy benefits managers to facilitate the purchase  
8 of eligible Canadian prescription drugs by eligible employees and persons receiving retiree  
9 health benefits. The program must be voluntary for eligible employees and persons receiving  
10 retiree health benefits. The board may forgive all or a part of any prescription copayments as  
11 an incentive for eligible employees and persons receiving retiree health benefits to participate in  
12 the program. To facilitate participation in the program, eligible employees and persons eligible  
13 to receive retiree health benefits may authorize the board to pay the pharmacy benefits  
14 manager for prescriptions obtained from eligible Canadian pharmacies.