

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

SENATE BILL NO. 2185  
(Senator J. Lee)  
(Representatives Keiser, Price)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 50-24.1-02.7 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to buy-in of medical assistance for individuals with disabilities.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-24.1-02.7 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**50-24.1-02.7. (~~Effective through June 30, 2005~~) ~~Medical assistance buy-in program for disabled~~ Workers with disabilities coverage.** The department of human services shall establish and implement a buy-in program to provide medical assistance to an individual who, except for substantial gainful activity, meets the definition of disabled under the supplemental security income program under title XVI of the federal Social Security Act, who is at least ~~eighteen~~ sixteen but less than sixty-five years of age, and who is gainfully employed. The program must:

1. Be made available to an individual with a disability who is a member of a family the ~~total annual~~ net income of which is less than two hundred twenty-five percent of the most recently revised official poverty line published by the federal office of management and budget for the family;
2. ~~Disregard~~ Allow up to an additional ten thousand dollars ~~earned while an eligible individual is enrolled in medical assistance and retained as an approved plan to achieve self support in assets;~~
3. Require the payment of a premium that is based upon a sliding scale which may not be less than two and one-half percent nor more than seven and one-half percent of the individual's gross countable income;
4. Include a one-time program enrollment fee of one hundred dollars; and
5. Provide that the failure of an enrolled individual to pay premiums for three ~~consecutive~~ months may result in the termination of enrollment in the program.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2185.

Senate Vote:    Yeas    47        Nays    0        Absent    0

House Vote:    Yeas    89        Nays    0        Absent    5

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State