

Sixtieth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1434

Introduced by

Representatives Price, Svedjan

Senator J. Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-01 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to a state department of health viral hepatitis education and vaccination  
3 program; to provide for surveillance and a report to the legislative council; and to provide an  
4 appropriation.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 23-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Viral hepatitis program - Vaccination - Study.**

- 9 1. The state department of health shall establish and administer a viral hepatitis  
10 program with the goal of distributing to residents of the state who are at an  
11 increased risk for exposure to viral hepatitis information that addresses the higher  
12 incidence of hepatitis C exposure and infection among these populations,  
13 addresses the dangers presented by the disease, and provides contacts for  
14 additional information and referrals.
- 15 2. The department shall establish a list of classes of individuals by category that are  
16 at increased risk for viral hepatitis exposure. The list must be consistent with  
17 recommendations developed by the federal centers for disease control. The  
18 department shall determine the type of information the department will distribute  
19 under the program and the form and manner of distribution.
- 20 3. The department shall establish a vaccination and testing program, to be  
21 coordinated by the department through local public health units.

22 **SECTION 2. Viral hepatitis study and report.** During the 2007-08 interim, the  
23 department shall conduct surveillance to provide an epidemiological profile of hepatitis C and to  
24 assess the current and future impact of viral hepatitis on the state. Before August 1, 2008, the

1 department shall submit to the legislative council a report regarding the results of the  
2 surveillance, including a status report regarding the development and distribution of viral  
3 hepatitis information and the results of the vaccination and testing program.

4         **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
5 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$301,403, or so much  
6 of the sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health for the purpose of  
7 establishing a viral hepatitis program under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning  
8 July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009. The state department of health is authorized one  
9 full-time equivalent position for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.