

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1162
(Representatives Haas, D. Johnson, Monson, Schmidt)
(Senators J. Lee, Warner)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-27 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a state health council study of emergency medical services, county reporting of emergency medical services coverage, and use of property tax levies for emergency medical services; to amend and reenact section 14-10-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to consent for a minor to receive emergency medical care; and to provide for a report to the legislative council.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 14-10-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended reenacted as follows:

14-10-17.1. Minor's emergency care. ~~Any~~ A minor may contract for and receive emergency examination, care, or treatment in a life-threatening situation without ~~permission, authority, or the~~ consent of ~~a~~ the minor's parent or guardian. If a minor has an emergency medical condition or the potential for an emergency medical condition, consent to emergency examination, care, or treatment of the minor is implied if reasonable steps to contact the minor's parent or guardian are unsuccessful. This section does not authorize a minor to withhold consent to emergency examination, care, or treatment.

SECTION 2. A new section to chapter 23-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Study of standards of reasonable coverage - County reporting - Use of property tax levies.

1. During the 2007-08 interim, the state health council shall study the minimum requirements of reasonable emergency medical services coverage which must take into account the response time for emergency medical services. Before July 1, 2008, the state health officer shall report to the legislative council the outcome and recommendations of this study.
2. The board of county commissioners of every county in this state shall conduct an annual review of the emergency medical services coverage within that county and shall submit an annual report to the state health officer in a format approved by the state department of health.
3. A taxing district that levies property taxes for support of emergency medical services shall ensure that every emergency medical services operation that operates in that taxing district receives a benefit of this tax.