

**Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

SENATE BILL NO. 2074  
(Human Services Committee)  
(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 50-24.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the recovery by the state from the estate of a permanently institutionalized medical assistance recipient.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 50-24.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. On the death of any recipient of medical assistance who was a resident of a nursing facility, intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded, or other medical institution and with respect to whom the department of human services determined that resident reasonably was not expected to be discharged from the medical institution and to return home, or who was fifty-five years of age or older when the recipient received the assistance, and on the death of the spouse of the deceased recipient, the total amount of medical assistance paid on behalf of the recipient following the ~~determination that~~institutionalization of the recipient who cannot reasonably be expected to be discharged from the medical institution, or following the recipient's fifty-fifth birthday, as the case may be, must be allowed as a preferred claim against the decedent's estate after payment, in the following order, of:
  - a. Funeral expenses not in excess of three thousand dollars;
  - b. Expenses of the last illness, other than those incurred by medical assistance;
  - c. Expenses of administering the estate, including attorney's fees approved by the court;
  - d. Claims made under chapter 50-01;
  - e. Claims made under chapter 50-24.5;
  - f. Claims made under chapter 50-06.3 and on behalf of the state hospital; and
  - g. Claims made under subsection 4.

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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 Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2074.

Senate Vote:    Yeas 40            Nays 0            Absent 7

House Vote:    Yeas 87            Nays 0            Absent 7

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011,

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

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Secretary of State