

**Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1089  
(Human Services Committee)  
(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 50-24.4-29 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to geropsychiatric facilities.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-24.4-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**50-24.4-29. ~~Limits on geropsychiatric~~Geropsychiatric facilities.**

~~Only two~~The department may select one or more nursing homes within the state ~~may have to operate~~ a unit that exclusively provides geropsychiatric services ~~and no more than one geropsychiatric unit may be located in any one nursing home.~~ Admission to one of the nursing homes that exclusively provides geropsychiatric services for the purpose of receiving geropsychiatric services may be granted only after the state hospital has performed an evaluation of the individual being admitted which indicates the individual is in need of nursing home geropsychiatric services. If at any time the department determines that the number of approved geropsychiatric units in the state is ~~below two~~insufficient to meet the needs, the department may select a geropsychiatric unit based on the experience, qualification, and capacity of the nursing homes that propose to provide geropsychiatric services. ~~After the geropsychiatric units have been established within the nursing homes, the~~The state hospital may not offer geropsychiatric services through any ~~other geropsychiatric~~ unit set up exclusively to provide those services.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1089.

House Vote:    Yeas 94            Nays 0            Absent 0

Senate Vote:    Yeas 47            Nays 0            Absent 0

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013,

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

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Secretary of State