

Sixty-fourth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2049

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Human Services Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a department of human services study and report to the
2 legislative management regarding statutory references to mental health professionals.

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

4 **SECTION 1. STATUTORY REFERENCES TO MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS -**
5 **REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** During the 2015-16 interim, the department of
6 human services, in consultation with the state department of health and other stakeholders,
7 shall study statutory references to mental health professionals to determine whether changes in
8 the law may help to more fully utilize these professionals within their scope of practice, as it
9 relates to the responsibilities of the department of human services to provide services or license
10 facilities. In addition, the department of human services shall study statutory language and
11 report recommended changes in alignment with the most current professional standard or with
12 most current diagnostic and statistical manual. Before August 1, 2016, the department of human
13 services shall report to the legislative management the outcome of the study together with any
14 recommendations.