

Sixty-fourth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1272**

Introduced by

Representatives Fehr, D. Anderson, Hofstad, Lefor

Senator J. Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a report to the legislative management regarding medical  
2 psychologist licensure.

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

4 **SECTION 1. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES ADVISORY COUNCIL -**  
5 **STUDY OF MEDICAL PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSURE - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE**

6 **MANAGEMENT.** During the 2015-16 interim, the university of North Dakota school of medicine  
7 and health sciences advisory council shall study the feasibility and desirability of licensing  
8 medical psychologists. The study must include evaluation of whether licensure of medical  
9 psychologists would integrate behavioral health into primary care and whether the practice of  
10 medical psychology would result in safe and effective treatment of patients with behavioral  
11 health concerns. If the school of medicine and health sciences advisory council determines it is  
12 feasible and desirable to license medical psychologists in this state, the study must include  
13 consideration of licensure requirements, scope of practice, which licensure board would be best  
14 suited to license medical psychologists, and terminology. Before July 1, 2016, the school of  
15 medicine and health sciences advisory council shall report the outcome of the study,  
16 recommendations, and related proposed legislation to a legislative management committee  
17 charged with studying human services-related topics.