

Sixty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2027

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Health Services Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-06.4-01 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the definition of brain injury.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-06.4-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **50-06.4-01. Definitions.**

7 As used in this chapter:

- 8 1. "Brain injury" means ~~any injury to the brain which occurs after birth and which is~~
9 ~~acquired through traumatic or nontraumatic insults. The term does not include~~
10 ~~hereditary, congenital, nontraumatic encephalopathy, nontraumatic aneurysm, stroke,~~
11 ~~or degenerative brain disorders or injuries induced by birth trauma~~damage to the brain
12 or the coverings of the brain which produces an altered mental state and results in a
13 decrease in cognitive, behavioral, emotional, or physical functioning. The term does
14 not include an insult of a degenerative or congenital nature.
15 2. "Department" means the department of human services.