

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SECOND ENGROSSMENT

REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1458

Introduced by

Representatives Henderson, Schatz, Wolff, Maki, Morton, Rios, Frelich, VanWinkle

Senator Magrum

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding limiting the release of
2 self-spreading viruses and bacteria.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - LIMITING THE RELEASE OF**
5 **SELF-SPREADING VIRUSES AND BACTERIA.**

- 6 1. During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying
7 limiting the development and release of self-spreading viruses and bacteria. The study
8 must include:
- 9 a. A review of the persons and entities developing or releasing self-spreading
10 viruses or bacteria;
 - 11 b. The impact of the development and release of self-spreading viruses and
12 bacteria, including all available data on adverse reactions and long-term effects;
 - 13 c. Appropriate limitations and enforcement measures, including potential sanctions
14 and penalties; and
 - 15 d. Possible exceptions to the limitations.
- 16 2. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together
17 with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth
18 legislative assembly.