

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2081**

Introduced by

Human Services Committee

(At the request of the Department of Health and Human Services)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-24.4-29 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to geropsychiatric facilities.

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

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

6 **50-24.4-29. Geropsychiatric facilities.**

7 The department may select ~~one or more~~skilled nursing ~~homes~~facilities within the state to  
8 operate a unit that ~~exclusively~~ provides geropsychiatric services. Admission to one of the skilled  
9 nursing ~~homes~~facilities that ~~exclusively~~ provides geropsychiatric services ~~for the purpose of~~  
10 ~~receiving geropsychiatric services~~ may be granted only after ~~the state hospital has performed~~  
11 ~~an evaluation of the individual being admitted which indicates the individual is in need of nursing~~  
12 ~~home geropsychiatric services~~an individual practicing within the scope of their practice  
13 determines the individual meets the criteria for skilled nursing, and needs psychiatric behavioral  
14 health services. Admissions from the state hospital will be given first priority for admission to the  
15 units. If at any time the department determines that the number of approved geropsychiatric-  
16 units that provide geropsychiatric services in the state is insufficient to meet the needs, the  
17 department may select ~~a geropsychiatric unit~~additional units based on the experience,  
18 qualification, and capacity of the skilled nursing ~~homes~~facilities that propose to provide  
19 geropsychiatric services. ~~The state hospital may not offer geropsychiatric services through a~~  
20 ~~unit set up exclusively to provide those services.~~