

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1430

Introduced by

Representatives VanWinkle, K. Anderson, Bolinske, Christianson, Frelich, Hoverson, Kasper,
Koppelman, Louser, Heilman

Senators Paulson, Castaneda

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 43-41 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the regulation of social workers.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 43-41 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Ethics - Caring for individuals questioning sexuality or gender identity.**

7 1. For purposes of this section, "conversion therapy" means any treatment with the goal
8 of changing the sexual orientation or gender identity of an individual. The term
9 includes medication, psychotherapy, electroshock therapy, and aversion therapy.

10 2. It is an ethical violation for a licensee to conduct conversion therapy.

11 3. It is not an ethical violation for a licensee to offer an individual questioning the
12 individual's sexuality or gender a treatment plan or counseling plan that aligns with
13 heterosexuality or the individual's biological sex.

14 2.4. As a condition of engaging in practices or treatment under this section, a licensee:

15 a. Shall ensure the practice or treatment is in alignment with the individual's self-
16 determination;

17 b. Shall disclose to the individual being treated, or that individual's parent or
18 guardian, the nature of the treatment or practices; and

19 b.c. Must have received authorization from the individual being treated, or that
20 individual's parent or guardian, to engage in the practices or treatments.