

Fifty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1143

Introduced by

Representative DeKrey

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for patient copies of medical records.

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

3 **SECTION 1. Copies of medical records.** As used in this section, "medical provider"  
4 means a licensed individual or licensed facility providing health care services. This section  
5 applies to every medical provider unless expressly provided otherwise by law. Upon the written  
6 request of a medical provider's patient or any person authorized by a patient, the medical  
7 provider shall:

- 8 1. Provide a free copy of a patient's medical records to a medical provider designated  
9 by the patient or the person authorized by the patient if the records are requested  
10 for the purpose of transferring that patient's medical care to another medical  
11 provider for the continuation of medical treatment.
- 12 2. Provide a copy of a patient's medical records requested for any purpose other than  
13 the continuation of care for a maximum charge of twenty dollars for the first  
14 twenty-five pages and seventy-five cents per page for every page beyond  
15 twenty-five. This charge includes any administrative fee, retrieval fee, and postage  
16 expense.