

HOUSE BILL NO. 1287

Introduced by

Representatives Brekke, Maragos

Senator Traynor

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-44.8 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a disability telecommunications advisory council.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** If Senate Bill No. 2043 does not become effective, a new section to
5 chapter 54-44.8 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

6 **Disability telecommunications advisory council.** The disability telecommunications
7 advisory council consists of seven members appointed by the governor. The governor shall
8 appoint to the council two consumers who are deaf, one consumer who is hard of hearing, one
9 consumer with a communications disability other than deafness or being hard of hearing, one
10 representative from the information services division, one representative from the vocational
11 rehabilitation division, and one representative from a telecommunications company. The
12 council shall hold at least two meetings annually and may hold additional meetings as deemed
13 necessary by the division. The division shall provide administrative services for the council.
14 The council shall advise the division, the public service commission, and the vocational
15 rehabilitation division on all matters concerning telecommunication relay services and the
16 specialized telecommunications equipment distribution program. Council members who are not
17 state or local government officers or employees are entitled to be reimbursed for their
18 necessary and actual expenses incurred in performance of their duties from moneys
19 appropriated to the division from the telecommunications services account.

20 **SECTION 2.** If Senate Bill No. 2043 becomes effective, a new section to chapter
21 54-44.8 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

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23 advisory council consists of seven members appointed by the governor. The governor shall
24 appoint to the council two consumers who are deaf, one consumer who is hard of hearing, one

1 consumer with a communications disability other than deafness or being hard of hearing, one
2 representative from the information technology department, one representative from the
3 vocational rehabilitation division, and one representative from a telecommunications company.
4 The council shall hold at least two meetings annually and may hold additional meetings as
5 deemed necessary by the department. The department shall provide administrative services
6 for the council. The council shall advise the department, the public service commission, and
7 the vocational rehabilitation division on all matters concerning telecommunication relay services
8 and the specialized telecommunications equipment distribution program. Council members
9 who are not state or local government officers or employees are entitled to be reimbursed for
10 their necessary and actual expenses incurred in performance of their duties from moneys
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