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of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1109

Introduced by

Human Services Committee

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-24.5 and a new subsection to  
2 section 50-24.5-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to registration fees,  
3 requirements, and complaints to the department of human services regarding assisted living  
4 facilities; to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 23-09-01, subsection 1 of section  
5 23-09.3-01, and sections 23-09.3-05, 50-24.5-01, and 50-24.5-04 of the North Dakota Century  
6 Code, relating to requiring assisted living facilities to be licensed as boardinghouses,  
7 definitions, licensing fees for basic care facilities, and limits on cost of services provided; to  
8 repeal section 23-09.3-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to choice of pharmacy  
9 services; and to provide an effective date.

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

11 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 23-09-01 of the 1999  
12 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

13 2. "Boardinghouse" includes every building or structure, or any part thereof, with  
14 accommodations for four or more boarders, which is kept, used, maintained,  
15 advertised, or held out to the public as a place where food is furnished to regular  
16 boarders for periods of one week or more. The term does not include a facility  
17 providing personal care directly or through contract as defined in section  
18 23-09.3-01 ~~or 50-24.5-04~~.

19 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 23-09.3-01 of the 1999  
20 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

21 1. "Basic care facility" means a residence, not licensed under chapter 23-16 by the  
22 department, that provides room and board to five or more individuals who are not  
23 related by blood or marriage to the owner or manager of the residence and who,  
24 because of impaired capacity for independent living, require health, social, or

1 personal care services, but do not require regular twenty-four-hour medical or  
2 nursing services and:

3 a. Makes response staff available at all times to meet the twenty-four-hour per  
4 day scheduled and unscheduled needs of the individual; or

5 b. Is kept, used, maintained, advertised, or held out to the public as an  
6 Alzheimer's, dementia, or special memory care facility.

7 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-09.3-05 of the 1999 Supplement to the North  
8 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **23-09.3-05. License required - Term - Revocation - Fee.** ~~No person~~ An individual,  
10 institution, organization, limited liability company, or public or private corporation may not keep,  
11 operate, conduct, or manage a basic care facility without holding a valid license issued by the  
12 department. The license is not valid for more than one year. Any license may be revoked by  
13 the department for violation of this chapter or the rules adopted by the department. An  
14 application for a basic care facility license submitted by a facility that is not owned by the state  
15 or its political subdivisions must be accompanied by a license fee of five dollars per bed.  
16 License fees collected under this section must be deposited in the state department of health  
17 operating fund in the state treasury and any expenditure from the fund is subject to legislative  
18 appropriation. The department, with the cooperation of consumers and providers, shall develop  
19 a survey process that is collaborative and based upon a quality improvement model.

20 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-24.5-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

22 **50-24.5-01. (Effective through June 30, 2001) Definitions.** In this chapter, unless  
23 the context otherwise requires:

- 24 1. "Aged" means at least sixty-five years of age.
- 25 2. "Assisted living" means an environment where a person lives in an apartment-like  
26 unit and receives services on a twenty-four-hour basis to accommodate that  
27 person's needs and abilities to maintain as much independence as possible.
- 28 3. "Basic care facility" means a facility defined in section 23-09.3-01 which is not  
29 owned or operated by the state.

- 1           4. "Blind" has the same meaning as the term has when used by the social security  
2           administration in the supplemental security income program under title XVI of the  
3           Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.].
- 4           5. "Congregate housing" means housing shared by two or more persons not related  
5           to each other which is not provided in an institution.
- 6           6. "County agency" means the county social service board.
- 7           7. "Department" means the department of human services.
- 8           8. "Disabled" has the same meaning as the term has when used by the social  
9           security administration in the supplemental security income program under title XVI  
10          of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.].
- 11          9. "Eligible beneficiary" means a resident of this state who:
- 12           a. (1) Is aged; or  
13           (2) Is at least eighteen years of age and is disabled or blind;
- 14           b. Has applied for and is eligible to receive benefits under title XIX of the Social  
15           Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.], provided that a person who was eligible  
16           to receive benefits under title XVI of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1381  
17           et seq.] and who was receiving benefits under title XVI before January 1,  
18           1995, is not ineligible because that person is not eligible to receive benefits  
19           under title XIX;
- 20           c. Based on a functional assessment, is not severely impaired in any of the  
21           activities of daily living of toileting, transferring to or from a bed or chair, or  
22           eating and:
- 23           (1) Has health, welfare, or safety needs, including a need for supervision  
24           or a structured environment, which require care in a licensed adult  
25           family foster care home or a licensed basic care facility, or
- 26           (2) Is impaired in three of the following four instrumental activities of daily  
27           living: preparing meals, doing housework, taking medicine, and doing  
28           laundry; and
- 29           d. Is determined to be eligible pursuant to rules adopted by the department.

- 1           10. "Institution" means an establishment that makes available some treatment or  
2                    services beyond food or shelter to four or more persons who are not related to the  
3                    proprietor.
- 4           11. "Living independently" includes living in congregate housing. The term does not  
5                    include living in an institution.
- 6           12. "Qualified service provider" means a county agency or independent contractor who  
7                    agrees to meet standards for services and operations established by the  
8                    department.
- 9           13. "Remedial care" means services that produce the maximum reduction of an  
10                   eligible beneficiary's physical or mental disability and the restoration of an eligible  
11                   beneficiary to the beneficiary's best possible functional level.
- 12           14. "Would be eligible to receive the cash benefits except for income" refers to a  
13                   person whose countable income, less the cost of necessary remedial care that  
14                   may be provided under this chapter, does not exceed an amount equal to the cash  
15                   benefit under title XVI of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.] which the  
16                   person would receive if the person had no income, plus forty-five dollars.

17           **(Effective July 1, 2001) Definitions.** In this chapter, unless the context otherwise

18 requires:

- 19           1. "Activities of daily living" means bathing, dressing, toileting, transferring, eating,  
20                   bed mobility, and personal hygiene.
- 21           2. "Aged" means at least sixty-five years of age.
- 22           ~~2.~~ 3. "Assisted living facility" means any building or structure containing a facility that:
- 23                   a. ~~Makes response staff available at all times;~~
- 24                   b. ~~Provides housing and:~~
- 25                         (1) ~~Congregate meals;~~
- 26                         (2) ~~Kitchen facilities in each resident's living quarters; or~~
- 27                         (3) ~~Any combination of congregate meals and kitchen facilities in each~~  
28                                 ~~resident's living quarters sufficient to assure each resident adequate~~  
29                                 ~~access to meals;~~
- 30                   e. ~~Assures provision of:~~

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- 1                   (1) ~~Personal care, therapeutic care, and social and recreational~~  
2   ~~programming;~~
- 3                   (2) ~~Supervision, safety, and security;~~
- 4                   (3) ~~Medication services; and~~
- 5                   (4) ~~Transportation services;~~
- 6           d. ~~Fosters dignity, respect, and independence by allowing, to the maximum~~  
7   ~~extent feasible, each resident to determine the resident's service providers,~~  
8   ~~routines of care provision, and service delivery; and~~
- 9           e. ~~Serves five or more adult residents, unrelated to the proprietor, on a specified~~  
10   ~~premises not licensed under chapter 23-20 or 25-16, which meets the~~  
11   ~~requirements of the national fire protection association 101 Life Safety Code,~~  
12   ~~as applicable.~~
- 13           series of living units operated as one business entity to provide services for five or  
14           more individuals who are aged or disabled adults and who are not related by blood  
15           or marriage to the owner or manager of the entity and which is kept, used,  
16           maintained, advertised, or held out to the public as a place that makes available  
17           individualized support services to accommodate an individual's needs and abilities  
18           to maintain as much independence as possible. It does not include a facility that is  
19           licensed as a basic care facility, a congregate housing facility, or an independent  
20           living facility.
- 21    ~~3.~~ 4. "Blind" has the same meaning as the term has when used by the social security  
22   administration in the supplemental security income program under title XVI of the  
23   Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.].
- 24    4. ~~5.~~ "Congregate housing" means housing shared by two or more ~~persons~~ individuals  
25   not related to each other which is not provided in an institution.
- 26    ~~5.~~ ~~6.~~ "County agency" means the county social service board.
- 27    ~~6.~~ ~~7.~~ "Department" means the department of human services.
- 28    ~~7.~~ ~~8.~~ "Disabled" has the same meaning as the term has when used by the social  
29   security administration in the supplemental security income program under title XVI  
30   of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.].
- 31    ~~8.~~ ~~9.~~ "Eligible beneficiary" means a resident of this state who:

- 1           a.   (1)   Is aged; or
- 2                   (2)   Is at least eighteen years of age and is disabled or blind;
- 3           b.   Has applied for and is eligible to receive benefits under title XIX of the Social
- 4                Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.], provided that ~~a person~~ an individual
- 5                who was eligible to receive benefits under title XVI of the Social Security Act
- 6                [42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.] and who was receiving benefits under title XVI
- 7                before January 1, 1995, is not ineligible because that ~~person~~ individual is not
- 8                eligible to receive benefits under title XIX;
- 9           c.   Based on a functional assessment, is not severely impaired in any of the
- 10               activities of daily living of toileting, transferring to or from a bed or chair, or
- 11               eating and:
- 12               (1)   Has health, welfare, or safety needs, including a need for supervision
- 13               or a structured environment, which require care in a licensed adult
- 14               family foster care home or an assisted living facility; or
- 15               (2)   Is impaired in three of the following four instrumental activities of daily
- 16               living: preparing meals, doing housework, taking medicine, and doing
- 17               laundry; and
- 18           d.   Is determined to be eligible pursuant to rules adopted by the department.
- 19    10.   "Independent living facility" means a living arrangement, regardless of the age of
- 20           the residents or the location of the facility, in which residents reside by choice and
- 21           not due to medical or care needs.
- 22    11.   "Individualized support services" means services designed to provide assistance to
- 23           adults who may have physical or cognitive impairments and who require at least a
- 24           moderate level of assistance with one or more activities of daily living.
- 25    9- 12. "Institution" means an establishment that makes available some treatment or
- 26           services beyond food or shelter to five or more ~~persons~~ individuals who are not
- 27           related to the proprietor.
- 28    13.   "Instrumental activities of daily living" means activities to support independent
- 29           living including housekeeping, shopping, laundry, transportation, and meal
- 30           preparation.

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- 1    ~~40.~~ 14. "Living independently" includes living in congregate housing. The term does not  
2                    include living in an institution.
- 3                    15. "Living unit" means a portion of an assisted living facility occupied as the living  
4                    quarters of an individual who has entered into a lease agreement with the assisted  
5                    living facility.
- 6    ~~41.~~ 16. "Proprietor" means ~~a person~~ an individual responsible for day-to-day  
7                    administration and management of a facility.
- 8    ~~42.~~ 17. "Qualified service provider" means a county agency or independent contractor who  
9                    agrees to meet standards for services and operations established by the  
10                   department.
- 11                  18. "Related by blood or marriage to the owner or manager" means an individual who  
12                  is a spouse or former spouse of the owner or manager or is a parent, stepparent,  
13                  grandparent, stepgrandparent, child, stepchild, grandchild, stepgrandchild, brother,  
14                  sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother, or stepsister of the owner or manager  
15                  or the owner or manager's spouse or former spouse.
- 16    ~~43.~~ 19. "Related to the proprietor" means ~~a person~~ an individual who is a proprietor's  
17                   spouse or former spouse, or a parent, stepparent, grandparent, stepgrandparent,  
18                   child, stepchild, grandchild, stepgrandchild, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister,  
19                   stepbrother, or stepsister of a proprietor or proprietor's spouse or former spouse.
- 20    ~~44.~~ 20. "Remedial care" means services that produce the maximum reduction of an  
21                   eligible beneficiary's physical or mental disability and the restoration of an eligible  
22                   beneficiary to the beneficiary's best possible functional level.
- 23                  21. "Tenant" means an adult individual who has entered into a lease agreement with  
24                  an assisted living facility.
- 25    ~~45.~~ 22. "Would be eligible to receive the cash benefits except for income" refers to a  
26                   ~~person~~ an individual whose countable income, less the cost of necessary remedial  
27                   care that may be provided under this chapter, does not exceed an amount equal to  
28                   the cash benefit under title XVI of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.]  
29                   which the ~~person~~ individual would receive if the ~~person~~ individual had no income,  
30                   plus ~~forty five~~ sixty dollars.

1           **SECTION 5.** A new subsection to section 50-24.5-02 of the North Dakota Century  
2 Code is created and enacted as follows:

3                   Establish a method to receive complaints related to assisted living facilities and to  
4                   forward the complaints to the appropriate agency for investigation.

5           **SECTION 6.** A new section to chapter 50-24.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 created and enacted as follows:

7           **Registration of assisted living facilities.**

- 8           1. An individual, institution, organization, limited liability company, or public or private  
9           corporation keeping, operating, conducting, managing, maintaining, advertising, or  
10           holding itself out to the public as an assisted living facility located in this state shall  
11           register annually with the department by providing such information as the  
12           department prescribes and shall obtain a license issued by the state department of  
13           health under chapter 23-09.
- 14           2. An assisted living facility shall pay to the department an annual registration fee of  
15           seventy-five dollars for each facility. Registration fees collected under this section  
16           must be deposited in the department of human services operating fund in the state  
17           treasury. Any expenditure from the fund is subject to appropriation by the  
18           legislative assembly.
- 19           3. The department shall establish rules governing the annual registration of an  
20           assisted living facility to regulate the application for, approval, denial, revocation,  
21           and requirements of registration.
- 22           4. An individual, institution, organization, limited liability company, or public or private  
23           corporation may not operate or market its facility or services as an assisted living  
24           facility unless it has registered with the department as an assisted living facility and  
25           that registration has been approved by the department.
- 26           5. After the fifty-ninth day following the notification of noncompliance with annual  
27           registration, the department may assess a fine of up to fifty dollars per day against  
28           any individual, institution, organization, limited liability company, or public or private  
29           corporation that provides assisted living services, markets its services as an  
30           assisted living facility, or uses the term assisted living in its marketing without a  
31           registration approved by the department. Fines collected under this section must



1           be deposited in the department of human services operating fund in the state  
2           treasury. Any expenditure from the fund is subject to appropriation by the  
3           legislative assembly.

4           6. Religious orders providing assistance with activities of daily living or instrumental  
5           activities of daily living to vowed members residing in the order's retirement  
6           housing are not subject to this chapter.

7           **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-24.5-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9           **50-24.5-04. Services provided - Limit on cost.** Services provided under this chapter  
10 must be treated as necessary remedial care to the extent those services are not covered under  
11 the medical assistance program. The cost of the services provided under this chapter to a  
12 person residing in a basic care or adult family foster care facility for which the rate charged  
13 includes room and board is limited to the rate set for services in that facility, plus ~~forty-five~~ sixty  
14 dollars, less that person's total income.

15           **SECTION 8. REPEAL.** Section 23-09.3-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
16 repealed.

17           **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.