

SENATE BILL NO. 2308

Introduced by

Senators Kringstad, Kilzer, Thane

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 53-06.1-18 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to compulsive gambling prevention, awareness, crisis intervention, rehabilitation, and
3 treatment services; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 53-06.1-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **53-06.1-18. Compulsive gambling prevention, awareness, crisis intervention,**
8 **rehabilitation, and treatment services.** The department of human services shall contract with
9 qualified treatment service providers for the development and implementation of a program for
10 gambling prevention, awareness, crisis intervention, rehabilitation, and financial counseling and
11 mental health treatment services. The program may provide outpatient services; partial care
12 services; aftercare services; intervention services; financial counseling services; consultation
13 services; or other forms of preventive, rehabilitative, or treatment services for compulsive
14 gamblers. The department shall adopt standards for certification as a gambling counselor. An
15 individual who provides treatment services must meet the minimum standards for certification
16 as a gambling counselor as established by the ~~national council on problem gambling~~
17 department and be a mental health professional as defined in section 25-03.1-02. An individual
18 who provides financial counseling services must be a certified consumer credit counselor with
19 an accredited financial counseling agency. The department ~~of human services~~ may establish a
20 sliding payment scale for services under the program. The department ~~of human services~~ may
21 establish a centrally located repository of educational materials on identifying and treating
22 compulsive gambling. Any service fee collected by qualified treatment service providers for
23 services provided under the contract must be applied toward the program's compulsive
24 gambling services.

1 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
2 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$750,000, or so much
3 of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of
4 providing for a compulsive gambling prevention, awareness, rehabilitation, and treatment
5 program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003.