

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

SENATE BILL NO. 2159
(Senator J. Lee)
(Representative Price)

AN ACT to create and enact a new subsection to section 28-32-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to interim final rules for medical assistance for needy persons and the children's health insurance program; to provide an expiration date; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new subsection to section 28-32-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

The department of human services may adopt interim final rules without the finding required by subsection 2 to implement any changes necessary to simplify and align eligibility requirements of the medical assistance program described in chapter 50-24.1 and the children's health insurance program described in chapter 50-29 as much as possible and to allow for an efficient transition of cases into the electronic system used for these programs. Any interim final rules so adopted may take effect on a date no earlier than the date of filing with the legislative council of the notice of proposed adoption of a rule.

SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE. This Act is effective through July 1, 2007, and after that date is ineffective.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2159 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 0 Absent 2

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 91 Nays 0 Absent 3

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,

at ___ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State