

**SENATE BILL NO. 2185**

Introduced by

Senator J. Lee

Representatives Keiser, Price

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-24.1-02.7 of the North Dakota Century  
2 Code, relating to buy-in of medical assistance for individuals with disabilities.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-24.1-02.7 of the North Dakota Century Code  
5 is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **50-24.1-02.7. ~~(Effective through June 30, 2005) Medical assistance buy-in~~**  
7 **~~program for disabled~~ Workers with disabilities coverage.** The department of human  
8 services shall establish and implement a buy-in program to provide medical assistance to an  
9 individual who, except for substantial gainful activity, meets the definition of disabled under the  
10 supplemental security income program under title XVI of the federal Social Security Act, who is  
11 at least ~~eighteen~~ sixteen but less than sixty-five years of age, and who is gainfully employed.

12 The program must:

- 13 1. Be made available to an individual with a disability who is a member of a family the  
14 ~~total annual net~~ net income of which is less than two hundred twenty-five percent of  
15 the most recently revised official poverty line published by the federal office of  
16 management and budget for the family;
- 17 2. ~~Disregard~~ Allow up to an additional ten thousand dollars ~~earned while an eligible~~  
18 ~~individual is enrolled in medical assistance and retained as an approved plan to~~  
19 ~~achieve self-support~~ in assets;
- 20 3. Require the payment of a premium that is based upon a sliding scale which may  
21 not be less than two and one-half percent nor more than seven and one-half  
22 percent of the individual's gross countable income;
- 23 4. Include a one-time program enrollment fee of one hundred dollars; and

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- 1           5.    Provide that the failure of an enrolled individual to pay premiums for three  
2                consecutive months may result in the termination of enrollment in the program.