

HOUSE BILL NO. 1434

Introduced by

Representatives Price, Svedjan

Senator J. Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-01 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a state department of health viral hepatitis education and vaccination
3 program; and to provide for a study and a report to the legislative council.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 23-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Viral hepatitis program - Vaccination - Study.**

- 8 1. The state department of health shall establish and administer a viral hepatitis
9 program with the goal of distributing to residents of the state who are at an
10 increased risk for exposure to viral hepatitis information that addresses the higher
11 incidence of hepatitis C exposure and infection among these populations,
12 addresses the dangers presented by the disease, and provides contacts for
13 additional information and referrals.
- 14 2. The department shall establish a list of classes of individuals by category that are
15 at increased risk for viral hepatitis exposure. The list must be consistent with
16 recommendations developed by the federal centers for disease control. The
17 department shall determine the type of information the department will distribute
18 under the program and the form and manner of distribution.
- 19 3. The department shall establish a vaccination and testing program, to be
20 coordinated by the department through local public health units.

21 **SECTION 2. Viral hepatitis study and report.** During the 2007-08 interim, the
22 department shall conduct a study to provide an epidemiological profile of hepatitis C and to
23 assess the current and future impact of viral hepatitis on the state. Before August 1, 2008, the
24 department shall submit to the legislative council a report regarding the results of the study,

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- 1 including a status report regarding the development and distribution of viral hepatitis information
- 2 and the results of the vaccination and testing program.