

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1286**

Introduced by

Representatives Kasper, Headland, Thoreson, Weiler

Senator Klein

1 A BILL for an Act to prohibit interference with access to medical services and health insurance;  
2 and to provide a penalty.

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

4 **SECTION 1.**

5 **Interference with access to medical services and health insurance - Prohibition -**  
6 **Penalties.**

7 For purposes of this section, "health insurance provider" means any person authorized by  
8 the insurance commissioner to contract with residents of North Dakota to provide health  
9 insurance.

10 1. It is a class A misdemeanor for an officer, agent, or employee of the United States, or  
11 an employee of any business entity providing services to the United States, to:

12 a. Prevent, attempt to prevent, interfere with, or withhold medical services from a  
13 legal resident or inhabitant of North Dakota or to withhold medicine or medical  
14 treatment from a legal resident or inhabitant of North Dakota, if the prohibited act  
15 is based on a law, regulation, or rule of the United States which has not received  
16 specific statutory approval by the North Dakota legislative assembly; or

17 b. Prevent, attempt to prevent, interfere with, or void a contract between a legal  
18 resident or inhabitant of North Dakota and a health insurance provider, if the  
19 prohibited act is based on a law, regulation, or rule of the United States which  
20 has not received specific statutory approval by the North Dakota legislative  
21 assembly.

22 2. It is a class B misdemeanor for a public servant of the state of North Dakota to:

23 a. Prevent, attempt to prevent, interfere with, or withhold medical services from a  
24 legal resident or inhabitant of North Dakota or to withhold medicine or medical

- 1                    treatment from a legal resident or inhabitant of North Dakota, if the prohibited act  
2                    is based on a law, regulation, or rule of the United States which has not received  
3                    specific statutory approval by the North Dakota legislative assembly; or  
4                    b. Prevent, attempt to prevent, interfere with, or void a contract between a legal  
5                    resident or inhabitant of North Dakota and a health insurance provider, if the  
6                    prohibited act is based on a law, regulation, or rule of the United States which  
7                    has not received specific statutory approval by the North Dakota legislative  
8                    assembly.