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of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2083

Introduced by

Human Services Committee

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 50-32-01, 50-32-02, 50-32-03, and 50-32-05 of
2 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to assisted living facilities licensing; and to repeal
3 section 50-32-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to assisted living facilities.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-32-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **50-32-01. Definitions.**

8 In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

9 1. "Abuse" means any willful act or omission that results in physical injury, mental
10 anguish, unreasonable confinement, sexual abuse or exploitation, or financial
11 exploitation.

12 2. "Assisted living facility" means a building or structure containing a series of at least
13 five living units operated as one entity to provide services for five or more individuals
14 who are not related by blood, marriage, or guardianship to the owner or manager of
15 the entity and which is kept, used, maintained, advertised, or held out to the public as
16 a place that provides or coordinates individualized support services to accommodate
17 the individual's needs and abilities to maintain as much independence as possible. An
18 assisted living facility does not include a facility that is a congregate housing facility,
19 licensed as a basic care facility, or licensed under chapter 23-16 or 25-16 or section
20 50-11-01.4.

21 ~~2-3.~~ "Department" means the department of human services.

22 ~~3-4.~~ "Entity" means an individual, institution, organization, limited liability company, or
23 corporation, whether or not organized for profit.

1 5. "Financial exploitation" means the use or receipt of services provided by an individual
2 without just compensation, the taking or misuse of property or resources of an
3 individual by means of undue influence, breach of a fiduciary relationship, deception,
4 harassment, criminal coercion, theft, or other unlawful or improper means.

5 4.6. "Individualized support services" means services provided to individuals who may
6 require assistance with the activities of daily living of bathing, dressing, toileting,
7 transferring, eating, medication management, and personal hygiene.

8 5.7. "Living unit" means a portion of an assisted living facility that contains a sleeping area,
9 an entry door that can be locked, and a private bath with a toilet, bathtub or shower,
10 and sink and which is occupied as the living quarters of an individual who has entered
11 into a lease agreement with the assisted living facility.

12 8. "Mental anguish" means psychological or emotional damage that requires medical
13 treatment or care or is characterized by behavioral change or physical symptoms.

14 9. "Physical injury" means damage to bodily tissue caused by nontherapeutic conduct,
15 which includes fractures, bruises, lacerations, internal injuries, dislocations, physical
16 pain, illness, or impairment of physical function.

17 6.10. "Related by blood or marriage to the owner or manager" means an individual who is a
18 spouse or former spouse of the owner or manager or is a parent, stepparent,
19 grandparent, stepgrandparent, child, stepchild, grandchild, stepgrandchild, brother,
20 sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother, or stepsister of the owner or manager or
21 the owner's or manager's spouse or former spouse.

22 11. "Sexual abuse or exploitation" includes those sex offenses defined in sections
23 12.1-20-02, 12.1-20-03, 12.1-20-04, 12.1-20-07, and 12.1-20-11.

24 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-32-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
25 amended and reenacted as follows:

26 **50-32-02. Licensing of assisted living facilities - Penalty.**

27 1. An entity may not keep, operate, conduct, manage, or maintain an assisted living
28 facility or use the term "assisted living" in its advertising unless it is licensed by the
29 department.

- 1 2. An assisted living facility shall apply annually to the department for a license. The
2 department may conduct an onsite visit of an assisted living facility prior to issuing a
3 license.
- 4 3. The department may issue a provisional license, valid for no longer than ninety days,
5 when there are one or more deficiencies or a pattern of deficiencies related to quality
6 of care or compliance with licensing requirements. A provisional license may be
7 renewed once for no longer than an additional ninety days. If the deficiencies have not
8 been corrected upon the expiration of a provisional license, the department may deny
9 the assisted living facility's application or revoke its license.
- 10 4. An assisted living facility shall pay to the department an annual license fee of
11 seventy-five dollars for each facility. License fees collected under this section must be
12 deposited in the department's operating fund in the state treasury. An expenditure from
13 the fund is subject to appropriation by the legislative assembly.
- 14 ~~3.5.~~ ~~An assisted living facility shall apply annually to the department for a license. After the~~
15 ~~fifty-ninth day following the notification of noncompliance with annual licensing, the~~
16 ~~department may assess a fine of up to fifty dollars per day against an entity that~~
17 ~~provides assisted living services or uses the term assisted living in its marketing~~
18 ~~without a license approved by the department. Fines collected under this section must~~
19 ~~be deposited in the department's operating fund in the state treasury. An expenditure~~
20 ~~from the fund is subject to appropriation by the legislative assembly.~~
- 21 ~~4.6.~~ Religious orders providing individualized support services to vowed members residing
22 in the order's retirement housing are not subject to this chapter.
- 23 5. ~~No more than two people may occupy one bedroom of each living unit of an assisted-~~
24 ~~living facility.~~
- 25 7. An assisted living facility shall notify the department in writing within thirty days of:
26 a. Transfer or change of ownership;
27 b. Change of name of the facility;
28 c. Change of administrator; or
29 d. Change in bed capacity.

30 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-32-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
31 amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **50-32-03. Powers and duties of the department.**

2 The department shall:

- 3 1. Take action and give directions necessary to implement this chapter.
- 4 2. Establish a method to receive complaints related to assisted living facilities and to
- 5 investigate complaints or forward the complaints, including an allegation of abuse of a
- 6 tenant, to the appropriate agency for investigation.
- 7 3. Establish rules governing the licensing of assisted living facilities, including rules to
- 8 regulate the application for, approval, denial, revocation, and requirements of a
- 9 license, and to establish a process for the investigation.

10 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-32-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is

11 amended and reenacted as follows:

12 **50-32-05. Assisted living facilitiesfacility requirements - Duties - Educational-**

13 **requirementsEducation.**

- 14 1. Each assisted living facility ~~must have~~ shall establish clear, concise, and
- 15 understandable tenancy criteria that ~~is~~ are fully disclosed to all tenants, in writing,
- 16 before the tenancy agreement is signed. The tenancy criteria must address the
- 17 specific needs that can be met within the facility, including any contract services
- 18 allowed, and the conditions under which a tenant may be required to move out of the
- 19 facility. Before a facility unit is rented, the facility or landlord shall evaluate the tenant's
- 20 ability to meet the facility's tenancy criteria. The facility shall reevaluate a tenant's
- 21 ability to meet the tenancy criteria annually, or sooner if there has been a significant
- 22 change in the tenant's needs, or if the tenant has been hospitalized.
- 23 2. An assisted living facility may ~~not only serve, and may not an individual who is~~
- 24 bedbound with limited potential for improvement, requires extensive skilled nursing
- 25 care, or needs restraints, upon the individual showing how the higher needs of the
- 26 individual will be met through third party contractors that would provide a higher level
- 27 of care than that which would otherwise be available in a basic care or nursing facility.
- 28 An assisted living facility shall include in its tenancy criteria the option of serving, a
- 29 requirement for an individual who to contract with a third party to receive services, if the
- 30 individual is bedbound with limited potential for improvement, not including an
- 31 individual who is receiving hospice care; who requires extensive skilled nursing care;.

1 or who-needs restraints. An assisted living facility may not be held liable for the acts or
2 omissions of a third-party contractor working in the facility. This subsection does not
3 preclude an assisted living facility from serving a bedbound individual who is receiving
4 hospice care.

5 3. An assisted living facility may not advertise or hold itself out to the public as a facility
6 that provides memory care services to individuals with memory care needs without
7 additional licensure as a basic care or nursing facility. The department may revoke the
8 license of an assisted living facility that represents itself as being an assisted living
9 facility that provides memory care services.

10 4. If a tenant elects to receive hospice care, the assisted living facility shall complete an
11 assessment within seven days of the hospice election to ensure there is a coordinated
12 plan of care between hospice, the assisted living facility, the tenant, and any
13 appropriately appointed representative of the tenant.

14 5. An assisted living facility shall complete a service plan when a tenant moves in and
15 shall update the service plan annually, or sooner if there has been a significant change
16 in the tenant's needs or if the tenant has been hospitalized.

17 6. Each assisted living facility shall require the administrator of the facility to complete
18 twelve hours of continuing education per year. At least six of the continuing education
19 hours must be directly related to assisted living. The assisted living facility shall require
20 all direct-care staff to receive annual education or training in the areas of:

- 21 a. Resident rights;
- 22 b. Fire and accident prevention and training;
- 23 c. Mental and physical health needs of tenants;
- 24 d. Behavior problems and prevention; and
- 25 e. Control of infection, including universal precautions; and
- 26 f. Vulnerable adult protection services.

27 3-7. Each assisted living facility shall maintain a record for each tenant. The tenant record
28 must include:

- 29 a. An initial evaluation, updated at least annually, to meet tenancy criteria;
- 30 b. The initial service plan, updated at least annually;
- 31 c. The tenancy agreement signed by the tenant or the tenant's legal representative;

- 1 13. No more than two individuals may occupy one bedroom of each living unit of an
- 2 assisted living facility.
- 3 **SECTION 5. REPEAL.** Section 50-32-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.