

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 50-06-21 and 50-06-22 and subdivision a of
2 subsection 4 of section 53-12.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to replacing the
3 term "compulsive gambling" with "gambling disorder."

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-06-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **50-06-21. ~~Compulsive gambling~~Gambling disorder prevention, awareness, crisis**
8 **intervention, rehabilitation, and treatment services.**

9 The department of human services shall contract with qualified treatment service providers
10 for the development and implementation of a program for gambling prevention, awareness,
11 crisis intervention, rehabilitation, financial counseling, and mental health treatment services. The
12 program may provide outpatient services, partial care services, aftercare services, intervention
13 services, financial counseling services, consultation services, or other forms of preventive,
14 rehabilitative, or treatment services for ~~compulsive gamblers~~an individual with gambling
15 disorder. An individual who provides treatment services must be a mental health professional as
16 defined in section 25-03.1-02 and meet the minimum standards for certification as a gambling
17 counselor as established by rule by that mental health professional's licensing board. An
18 individual who provides financial counseling services must be a certified consumer credit
19 counselor with an accredited financial counseling agency. The department of human services
20 may establish a sliding payment scale for services under the program. The department of
21 human services may establish a centrally located repository of educational materials on
22 identifying and treating ~~compulsive gambling~~an individual with gambling disorder. Any service
23 fee collected by qualified treatment service providers for services provided under the contract
24 must be applied toward the program's ~~compulsive gambling~~ disorder services. The term

1 "qualified treatment service provider" means an entity based in North Dakota which is
2 experienced in and capable of delivering ~~compulsive gambling~~ disorder education, prevention,
3 awareness, crisis intervention, rehabilitation, financial counseling, and mental health treatment
4 services as defined by the department of human services. The term "~~compulsive gambler~~"
5 means ~~an individual who is chronically and progressively preoccupied with gambling and the~~
6 ~~urge to gamble and with gambling behavior that compromises, disrupts, or damages personal,~~
7 ~~family, or vocational pursuits~~ "gambling disorder" has the meaning set forth in the "Diagnostic
8 and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders" (fifth edition; American psychiatric association,
9 2013).

10 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-06-22 of the North Dakota Century Code is
11 amended and reenacted as follows:

12 **50-06-22. ~~Compulsive gambling~~ Gambling disorder prevention and treatment fund -**
13 **Continuing appropriation.**

14 Funds deposited in the ~~compulsive gambling~~ disorder prevention and treatment fund under
15 section 53-12.1-09 are appropriated to the department on a continuing basis for the purpose of
16 providing the services under section 50-06-21.

17 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision a of subsection 4 of section 53-12.1-09 of the
18 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

19 a. Eighty thousand dollars must be transferred to the state treasurer each quarter
20 for deposit in the ~~compulsive gambling~~ disorder prevention and treatment fund;