

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

SENATE BILL NO. 2164  
(Senators Lee, Hogan, K. Roers)  
(Representatives Pyle, Schauer)

AN ACT to create and enact section 43-51-10.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to occupational rules in cases of emergencies; and to amend and reenact sections 43-51-04 and 43-51-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to occupational licensure in cases of emergencies.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-51-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**43-51-04. Emergency practice without a license.**

Upon prior written notice to the appropriate board, a foreign practitioner may provide services in this state which fall within the scope of practice designated by the foreign practitioner's license and by this title without obtaining a license from the board, if the services are provided ~~for a period of time not to exceed sixty consecutive days in a calendar year and are provided~~ in response to a disaster or emergency declared by the appropriate authority in this state. The notice provided by a foreign practitioner under this section must include verified documentation from the appropriate licensing authority which identifies the requirements for licensure in that jurisdiction and which confirms that the practitioner is licensed and in good standing in that jurisdiction and any other information requested by the board. A notice provided under this section, if accompanied by sufficient documentation, is deemed to be accepted unless denied by the board. If a notice under this section is denied, the foreign practitioner immediately shall cease providing services under this section and may not resume providing services until after a successful appeal of the board's decision under chapter 28-32 or after an application for privileges under this section is reviewed and approved by the board.

**SECTION 2.** Section 43-51-10.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**43-51-10.1. Emergency rules - Emergencies or disasters.**

If a disaster or emergency is declared in this state, a board may adopt emergency rules under chapter 28-32 which are contrary to title 43 if the rules are necessary to abate an imminent peril that threatens the health, safety, or welfare of the public. Rules adopted under this section are valid until thirty days after the end of the disaster or emergency declaration.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-51-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**43-51-12. Foreign practitioners - Emergency practice exemption.**

Notwithstanding contrary provisions of law, a foreign practitioner may practice in a disaster or an emergency declared in this state, practice as a member of an organ harvesting team, or practice on board an ambulance as part of the ambulance treatment team.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2164.

Senate Vote:    Yeas 47            Nays 0            Absent 0

House Vote:    Yeas 94            Nays 0            Absent 0

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State