

**SECOND ENGROSSMENT  
with Conference Committee Amendments**

Fifty-seventh  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2308**

Introduced by

Senators Kringstad, Kilzer, Thane

Representatives Cleary, Grande, Maragos

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact the new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code as created by section 2 of House Bill No. 1089, as approved by the fifty-seventh  
3 legislative assembly, relating to compulsive gambling prevention, awareness, crisis  
4 intervention, rehabilitation, and treatment services; and to provide an appropriation.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** The new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota  
7 Century Code as created by section 2 of House Bill No. 1089, as approved by the fifty-seventh  
8 legislative assembly, is amended and reenacted as follows:

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

1 collected by qualified treatment service providers for services provided under the contract must  
2 be applied toward the program's compulsive gambling services. The term "qualified treatment  
3 service provider" means an entity based in North Dakota which is experienced in and capable  
4 of delivering compulsive gambling education, prevention, awareness, crisis intervention,  
5 rehabilitation, financial counseling, and mental health treatment services as defined by the  
6 department of human services. The term "compulsive gambler" means an individual who is  
7 chronically and progressively preoccupied with gambling and the urge to gamble and with  
8 gambling behavior that compromises, disrupts, or damages personal, family, or vocational  
9 pursuits.

10 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
11 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$89,000, or so much  
12 of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of  
13 providing for a compulsive gambling prevention, awareness, rehabilitation, and treatment  
14 program, of which \$1,000 may be designated for per diem and travel expenses for in-state  
15 professional boards to gather information and set certification standards, for the biennium  
16 beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003.