

Sixty-fourth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1272

Introduced by

Representatives Fehr, D. Anderson, Hofstad, Lefor

Senator J. Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a report to the legislative management regarding medical
2 psychologist licensure: and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES ADVISORY COUNCIL -**
5 **STUDY OF MEDICAL PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSURE - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE**

6 **MANAGEMENT.** During the 2015-16 interim, the university of North Dakota school of medicine
7 and health sciences advisory council shall use the resources of the university of North Dakota
8 school of medicine and health sciences center for rural health to study the feasibility and
9 desirability of licensing medical psychologists. The study must include evaluation of whether
10 licensure of medical psychologists would integrate behavioral health into primary care and
11 whether the practice of medical psychology would result in safe and effective treatment of
12 patients with behavioral health concerns. If the school of medicine and health sciences advisory
13 council determines it is feasible and desirable to license medical psychologists in this state, the
14 study must include consideration of licensure requirements, scope of practice, which licensure
15 board would be best suited to license medical psychologists, and terminology. Before July 1,
16 2016, the school of medicine and health sciences advisory council shall report the outcome of
17 the study, recommendations, and related proposed legislation to a legislative management
18 committee charged with studying human services-related topics.

19 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
20 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$5,000, or so much of the sum
21 as may be necessary, to the university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences
22 for the purpose of conducting the study under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning
23 July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.