

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 23-35-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to tribal health units.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-35-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **23-35-02.1. Tribal health units.**

7 An Indian nation that occupies a reservation ~~the external boundaries of which border more-~~
8 ~~than four counties~~ may form a health district or public health department as provided in this
9 chapter. A tribal public health unit and bordering public health units ~~shall~~may collaborate
10 regarding the provision of public health services. If an individual who is not an enrolled member
11 of an Indian tribe of the Indian reservation that forms a tribal public health unit is a party to a
12 civil action in which the tribal public health unit is also a party, that individual may bring the
13 action in or move the action to tribal court or district court.