

**SENATE BILL NO.**

Introduced by

Senator Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to use of pharmacy benefits managers by the public employees  
3 retirement board.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Board to contract with pharmacy benefits manager.** To the extent allowed under  
8 federal law and notwithstanding section 54-52.1-04, the board shall contract with one or more  
9 nondomestic pharmacy benefits managers to facilitate the purchase of eligible Canadian  
10 prescription drugs by eligible employees and persons receiving retiree health benefits. The  
11 program must be voluntary for eligible employees and persons receiving retiree health benefits.  
12 The board may forgive all or a part of any prescription copayments as an incentive for eligible  
13 employees and persons receiving retiree health benefits to participate in the program. To  
14 facilitate participation in the program, eligible employees and persons eligible to receive retiree  
15 health benefits may authorize the board to pay the pharmacy benefits manager for prescriptions  
16 obtained from eligible Canadian pharmacies.