

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1281
(Representatives Kreidt, Galvin, Ugem)
(Senator J. Lee)

AN ACT to create and enact two new sections to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to medical assistance eligibility and long-term care facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. Two new sections to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code are created and enacted as follows:

Long-term care facility information. A long-term care facility may request that an applicant for admission, a resident of the facility, or the applicant's or resident's legal representative furnish financial information regarding income and assets, including information regarding any transfers or assignments of income or assets. A long-term care facility may deny admission to an applicant for admission who is unable to verify a viable payment source.

Long-term care facility resident - Medical assistance eligibility. An individual is not ineligible for medical assistance if application of disqualifying transfer provisions would deprive the individual of nursing care and services and the individual makes a satisfactory showing that:

1. For periods after the return, all income or assets constituting the disqualifying transfer have been transferred or assigned back to the individual and the individual is otherwise eligible for medical assistance; or
2. Compensation equal to the fair market value of the income or asset at time of transfer is paid to, or on behalf of, the individual for nursing care and services provided by a long-term care facility and the individual is otherwise eligible for medical assistance.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1281.

House Vote: Yeas 88 Nays 3 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 43 Nays 2 Absent 2

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State