

SENATE BILL NO. 2252

Introduced by

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Representatives Price, Kerzman

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 public employees retirement system health insurance coverage of
3 suicide-related medical services; to require a report regarding coverage of suicide-related
4 medical services; and to provide an expiration date.

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

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

8 **Medical services related to suicide.** For all contracts or plans for health insurance
9 which become effective after June 30, 2007, and which do not extend past June 30, 2009, the
10 board shall provide medical benefits coverage under a contract for insurance pursuant to
11 section 54-52.1-04 or under a self-insurance plan pursuant to section 54-52.1-04.2 of the same
12 type offered under the policy or contract for illness for injury resulting from suicide, attempted
13 suicide, or self-inflicted injury.

14 **SECTION 2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM - COVERAGE OF**
15 **SUICIDE-RELATED MEDICAL SERVICES.** Pursuant to section 54-03-28, the public
16 employees retirement system shall prepare and submit for introduction a bill to the sixty-first
17 legislative assembly to repeal the expiration date for section 1 of this Act and to extend the
18 suicide-related medical services coverage to apply to all group and individual health insurance
19 policies. The public employees retirement system shall append to the bill a report regarding the
20 effect of the suicide-related medical services coverage requirement on the system's health
21 insurance programs, information on the utilization and costs relating to the coverage, and a
22 recommendation on whether the coverage should continue.

23 **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** Section 1 of this Act is effective through July 31,
24 2009, and after that date is ineffective.