

Introduced by

Representative Fehr

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 43-45-01 and section 43-45-06
2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the scope of practice of addiction counselors and
3 behavioral health providers.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 43-45-01 of the North Dakota Century
6 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 1. "Addiction counseling" means the provision of counseling or assessment of
8 ~~persons~~individuals regarding their use or abuse of alcohol or a ~~controlled~~other harmful
9 substance or their behavioral addiction.

10 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-45-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
11 amended and reenacted as follows:

12 **43-45-06. Addiction counseling practice - Exemptions.**

13 1. ~~Nothing in this~~This chapter may be construed to~~does not~~ prevent any person from
14 doing work within the standards and ethics of that person's profession and calling,
15 ~~provided~~if that the person does not represent to the public, by title or by use of the
16 initials L.A.C., that the person is engaging in addiction counseling.

17 2. ~~Nothing in this~~This chapter may be construed to~~does not~~ prevent addiction counseling
18 trainees or interns in board-approved programs from engaging in addiction counseling
19 related to training.

20 3. An individual licensed by the state board of psychologist examiners under chapter
21 43-32, North Dakota board of social work examiners under chapter 43-41, board of
22 counselor examiners under chapter 43-47, or marriage and family therapy licensure
23 board under chapter 43-53 may conduct addiction counseling, unless otherwise
24 prohibited or limited by the individual's licensing board.