

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1251**

Introduced by

Representatives Louser, Beadle, Brabandt, Dockter, B. Koppelman, M. Ruby, Vetter

Senators Burckhard, Hogue

1 A BILL for an Act to to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-17 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to an inmate program to construct homes for low-income home buyers.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Inmate housing construction program.**

7 1. The industrial commission and the department of corrections and rehabilitation shall  
8 collaborate to establish a program through which inmates are provided housing  
9 construction vocational skills through the construction of homes that are made  
10 available for sale to low-income home buyers.

11 2. The industrial commission:

12 a. May appoint an advisory board to assist with this program, which may include  
13 private and public membership.

14 b. May offer home purchase financing or loan guarantees through the Bank of North  
15 Dakota.

16 c. May administer the program through the housing finance agency.

17 d. Shall establish home buyer qualifications, which must include provisions:

18 (1) Setting household income limits.

19 (2) Requiring the program home be used as the home buyer's sole residence.

20 (3) Requiring the program home to be placed within the state.

21 3. The department of corrections and rehabilitation:

22 a. May add this program to the program of modified workers' compensation  
23 coverage established under chapter 65-06.2.

24 b. May employ inmates under this program in accordance with chapter 12-48.