

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 14-10-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to emergency care for minors.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 14-10-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **14-10-17.1. Minor's emergency care.**

- 7 1. A minor may contract for and receive emergency examination, care, or treatment in a
8 life-threatening situation without the consent of the minor's parent or guardian. If a
9 minor has an emergency medical condition or the potential for an emergency medical
10 condition, consent to emergency examination, care, or treatment of the minor is
11 implied if reasonable steps to contact the minor's parent or guardian are unsuccessful.
12 This subsection does not authorize a minor to withhold consent to emergency
13 examination, care, or treatment.
- 14 2. A physician or other health care provider may provide emergency medical care or
15 forensic services to a minor who is at least thirteen years of age who is a victim of
16 sexual assault without the consent of the minor's parent or guardian. Reasonable
17 steps must be made to notify the minor's parent or guardian of the care provided.