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Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1365

Introduced by

Representatives Vigesaa, Devlin, Skroch

Senators Anderson, Dever, O. Larsen

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 30.1-28-12 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to powers and duties of a guardian regarding medical decisions; and to
- 3 declare an emergency.

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

- 5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 30.1-28-12 of the North Dakota
- 6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
- 7 4. Notwithstanding A guardian has general or limited authority, as determined by the
- 8 <u>court,</u> to make medical decisions on behalf of the ward, noincluding forced medication
- 9 <u>pursuant to a physician's or advanced practice registered nurse's recommendation</u>
- when the power to provide forced medication is specifically included in the
- 11 <u>guardianship order. However, a guardian may not consent to psychosurgery, abortion,</u>
- sterilization, or experimental treatment of any kind unless the procedure is first
- approved by order of the court.
- 14 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.