

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1250**

Introduced by

Representatives M. Nelson, Adams

Senator Mathern

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 employee health insurance drug benefit coverage; to amend  
3 and reenact section 26.1-36.6-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to self-insurance  
4 health plans; to require a report; to provide for application; to provide an expiration date; and to  
5 declare an emergency.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 26.1-36.6-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **26.1-36.6-03. Self-insurance health plans - Requirements.**

- 10 1. The following policy provisions apply to a self-insurance health plan or to the  
11 administrative services only or third-party administrator, and are subject to the  
12 jurisdiction of the commissioner: 26.1-36-03, 26.1-36-03.1, 26.1-36-05, 26.1-36-10,  
13 26.1-36-12, 26.1-36-12.4, 26.1-36-12.6, 26.1-36-13, 26.1-36-14, 26.1-36-17,  
14 26.1-36-18, 26.1-36-19, 26.1-36-23, 26.1-36-29, 26.1-36-37.1, 26.1-36-38, 26.1-36-39,  
15 26.1-36-41, 26.1-36-44, and 26.1-36-46.
- 16 2. The following health benefit provisions applicable to a group accident and health  
17 insurance policy under chapter 26.1-36 apply to a self-insurance health plan and are  
18 subject to the jurisdiction of the commissioner: 26.1-36-06, 26.1-36-06.1, 26.1-36-07,  
19 26.1-36-08, 26.1-36-08.1, 26.1-36-09, 26.1-36-09.1, 26.1-36-09.2, 26.1-36-09.3,  
20 26.1-36-09.5, 26.1-36-09.6, 26.1-36-09.7, 26.1-36-09.8, 26.1-36-09.9, 26.1-36-09.10,  
21 26.1-36-09.11, 26.1-36-09.12, 26.1-36-09.13, 26.1-36-09.14, 26.1-36-09.15,  
22 26.1-36-11, 26.1-36-12.2, 26.1-36-20, 26.1-36-21, 26.1-36-22, 26.1-36-23.1, and  
23 26.1-36-43. Section 2 of this Act applies to a self-insurance health plan and is subject  
24 to the jurisdiction of the commissioner.

1       **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
2 and enacted as follows:

3       **Coverage of imported prescription drugs.**

4       Prescription drug benefits coverage provided under section 54-52.1-04, 54-52.1-04.1, or  
5 54-52.1-04.2, must include coverage for prescription drugs imported from Canada in  
6 compliance with section 804 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Act [21 U.S.C. 384].  
7 Coverage required under this section may allow for a copayment that does not exceed  
8 twenty-five dollars.

9       **SECTION 3. APPLICATION.** This Act applies to prescription drug benefits coverage that  
10 begins after June 30, 2021, and which does not extend past June 30, 2023.

11       **SECTION 4. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM - COVERAGE OF DRUGS**  
12 **IMPORTED FROM CANADA - REPORT.** Pursuant to section 54-03-28, the public employees  
13 retirement system shall prepare and submit for introduction a bill to the sixty-eighth legislative  
14 assembly to repeal the expiration date for sections 1 and 2 of this Act and to extend the  
15 coverage of prescription drugs imported from Canada to apply to all group and individual health  
16 insurance policies. The public employees retirement system shall append to the bill a report  
17 regarding the effect of the prescription drug coverage requirement on the system's health  
18 insurance programs, information on the utilization and costs relating to the coverage, and a  
19 recommendation regarding whether the coverage should continue.

20       **SECTION 5. EXPIRATION DATE.** Sections 1 and 2 of this Act are effective through July 31,  
21 2023, and after that date are ineffective.

22       **SECTION 6. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.