# Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
# In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015

SENATE BILL NO. 2049
(Legislative Management)
(Human Services Committee)

AN ACT to provide for a department of human services study and report to the legislative management regarding statutory references to mental health professionals.

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

**SECTION 1. STATUTORY REFERENCES TO MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** During the 2015-16 interim, the department of human services, in consultation with the state department of health and other stakeholders, shall study statutory references to mental health professionals to determine whether changes in the law may help to more fully utilize these professionals within their scope of practice, as it relates to the responsibilities of the department of human services to provide services or license facilities. In addition, the department of human services shall study statutory language and report recommended changes in alignment with the most current professional standard or with most current diagnostic and statistical manual. Before August 1, 2016, the department of human services shall report to the legislative management the outcome of the study together with any recommendations.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2049.

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| Senate Vote: | Yeas 47 | Nays 0 | Absent 0 |
| House Vote: | Yeas 86 | Nays 1 | Absent 7 |

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at 2:44 P.M. on March 24, 2015.

Approved at 2:25 P.M. on March 25, 2015.

Governor

Filed in this office this 25th day of March, 2015,

at 3:45 o'clock P. M.

Secretary of State