

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

SENATE BILL NO. 2077  
(Judiciary Committee)  
(At the request of the Department of Health and Human Services)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 12.1-04.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to criminal responsibility proceedings following a verdict or finding.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 12.1-04.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**12.1-04.1-21. Proceeding following verdict or finding.**

After entry of a verdict, finding, or an unresisted plea, that an individual committed the crime charged, but is not guilty by reason of lack of criminal responsibility, the court shall:

1. Make a finding, based upon the verdict or finding provided in section 12.1-04.1-18, of the expiration date of the court's jurisdiction; and
2. Order the individual committed to a treatment facility, as defined under chapter 25-03.1, for examination. The superintendent or the director of a treatment facility may petition the court to transfer or assign the individual committed if, in the superintendent's or director's opinion, it would be more appropriate for the individual committed to receive the examination in or by a least restrictive setting if the attending physician or director of the least restrictive setting consents. The order of the court may set terms of custody during the period of examination.

Mark L. Strander  
President of the Senate

Robin L. Loefer  
Speaker of the House

Sharon M. Fagan  
Secretary of the Senate

Bruce J. Reich  
Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2077.

Senate Vote:    Yeas 47                Nays 0                Absent 0

House Vote:    Yeas 89                Nays 0                Absent 4

Sharon M. Fagan  
Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at 3:20 P.M. on March 12th, 2025.

Approved at 1:19 P.M. on March 14th, 2025.

Kelly J. Healy  
Governor

Filed in this office this 14th day of March, 2025,  
at 4:35 o'clock P M.

Michael Howe  
Secretary of State