

# State of South Dakota

## SEVENTY-SIXTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2001

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### SENATE BILL NO. 147

Introduced by: Senators Brown (Arnold), Diedtrich (Elmer), Madden, Moore, Olson (Ed),  
and Reedy and Representatives Broderick, Bartling, Brown (Richard),  
Davis, Frost, Gillespie, Michels, Monroe, Murschel, and Slaughter

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to authorize the assignment of health insurance proceeds  
2 to a dentist.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 58-17-61 be amended to read as follows:

5 58-17-61. Any person insured by a health insurance company, health maintenance  
6 organization, preferred provider organization, individual practice association, or nonprofit  
7 hospital service corporation may assign in writing benefits from such policy, contract, or  
8 certificate to a hospital licensed pursuant to chapter 34-12 or to a dentist licensed pursuant to  
9 chapter 36-6A. If such assignment is executed and written notice thereof is given, the insurance  
10 company, health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, individual practice  
11 association, or nonprofit hospital service corporation shall pay the benefits directly to the hospital  
12 or to the dentist.

13 Nothing in this section modifies the scope of coverage or the amount of benefits payable  
14 under a health insurance policy, contract, or certificate.