

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 50-25.2-02 and 50-25.2-08 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to vulnerable adult protection services; and to repeal section
3 50-25.2-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the implementation of vulnerable adult
4 protection services.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-25.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **50-25.2-02. Adult protective services program - Rules.** The department, with the
9 advice and cooperation of county social service boards, shall develop, administer, and cause to
10 be implemented a program of protective services for vulnerable adults consistent with this
11 chapter. In developing and administering the program, the department, ~~within the limits of~~
12 ~~legislative appropriation,~~ shall allocate and distribute funds for the purpose of providing adult
13 protective services and shall provide the adult protective services in cooperation and
14 collaboration with other existing programs that serve adults in North Dakota. All law
15 enforcement agencies, courts of competent jurisdiction, and appropriate state and local
16 agencies shall cooperate in the implementation and enforcement of this chapter. The
17 department may adopt rules in accordance with chapter 28-32 for the purpose of implementing
18 the provisions of this chapter.

19 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-25.2-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is
20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **50-25.2-08. Cost of adult protective services.** The vulnerable adult is responsible for
22 the costs of providing adult protective services, except the receipt, evaluation, and assessment
23 of reports of suspected abuse or neglect pursuant to subdivision a of subsection 3 of section
24 50-25.2-01, if the department or the department's designee determines, based on standards set

1 by the department, that the vulnerable adult is financially capable of paying for the protective
2 services received either through the vulnerable adult's own income or resources or other
3 programs for which the vulnerable adult may be eligible. The department or the department's
4 designee is not responsible for the cost of providing adult protective services unless the
5 provision of the services is specifically provided by law ~~and funding exists to provide the~~
6 ~~services.~~

7 **SECTION 3. REPEAL.** Section 50-25.2-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is
8 repealed.