

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2388

Introduced by

Senators Cook, G. Nelson, W. Stenehjem

Representatives R. Kelsch, Mahoney

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 14-15-11 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to adoption investigations.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 5 of section 14-15-11 of the North Dakota
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 5. An investigation and report is not required in cases in which a stepparent is the
7 petitioner or the person to be adopted is an adult. The department of human
8 services when required to consent to the adoption may give consent without
9 making the investigation. If the petitioner is a relative other than a stepparent of
10 the minor and the court is satisfied that the proposed adoptive home is appropriate
11 for the minor, the court may waive the investigation and report required under this
12 section. For the purpose of this section, "relative" means any person having the
13 following relationship to the minor by marriage, blood, or adoption: grandparent,
14 brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle, or aunt.