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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 14-02.1-02.1 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to information provided by the state department of health regarding pregnancy,
3 childbirth, and adoption.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 14-02.1-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code
6 is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **14-02.1-02.1. Printed information - Referral service.**

- 8 1. The state department of health shall ~~cause to be published~~ publish in English, and
9 in every other language that the department determines is the primary language of
10 a significant number of state residents, ~~within one hundred eighty days after July 1,~~
11 ~~1991,~~ the following easily comprehensible printed materials:
- 12 a. Geographically indexed materials designed to inform the woman of public and
13 private agencies and services available to assist a woman through
14 pregnancy, upon childbirth, and while the child is dependent, including
15 adoption agencies. The materials must include a comprehensive list of the
16 agencies available, a description of the services they offer and a description
17 of the manner, including telephone numbers, in which they might be
18 contacted, or, at the option of the department, printed materials including a
19 toll-free, twenty-four hour a day telephone number that may be called to
20 obtain, orally, such a list and description of agencies in the locality of the
21 caller and of the services they offer.
- 22 b. Materials designed to inform the woman of the probable anatomical and
23 physiological characteristics of the fetus at two-week gestational increments
24 from the time when a woman can be known to be pregnant to full term,

1 including any relevant information on the possibility of the survival of the fetus
2 and pictures representing the development of a fetus at two-week gestational
3 increments. The pictures must contain the dimensions of the fetus and must
4 be realistic and appropriate for the stage of pregnancy depicted. The
5 materials must be objective, nonjudgmental, and designed to convey only
6 accurate scientific information about the fetus at the various gestational ages.
7 The materials required under this subsection must be reviewed, updated, and
8 reprinted as needed.

9 2. The materials required under ~~this section~~ subsection 1 must be available at no
10 cost from the state department of health upon request and in appropriate number
11 to any person, facility, or hospital, and, except for copyrighted material, must be
12 available on the department's internet website. The department may make the
13 copyrighted material available on its internet website if the department pays the
14 copyright royalties.