

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1329
(Representatives Jensen, Ekstrom, Kingsbury)
(Senators Christenson, Espegard)

AN ACT to provide immunity from suit for a financial institution or financial institution employee that makes a good-faith report of suspected exploitation of a disabled or vulnerable elderly adult; and to create and enact a new subsection to section 6-08.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the disclosure by a financial institution of suspected exploitation of a disabled or vulnerable elderly adult to a government agency or law enforcement agency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new subsection to section 6-08.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

For purposes of reporting suspected exploitation of a disabled adult or vulnerable elderly adult as defined by section 12.1-31-07. Nothing in this subsection may be construed to impose upon a financial institution a duty to investigate an alleged or suspected exploitation of a disabled adult or vulnerable elderly adult or to make any report to a government agency or law enforcement agency.

SECTION 2. Immunity from liability. A financial institution or financial institution employee participating in good faith in the making of a report of suspected exploitation of a disabled adult or vulnerable elderly adult to a government agency or law enforcement agency, assisting in an investigation of suspected exploitation of a disabled adult or vulnerable elderly adult by a government agency or law enforcement agency, or furnishing information to a government agency or law enforcement agency about suspected exploitation of a disabled adult or vulnerable elderly adult is immune from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise result from reporting a suspected case of exploitation of a disabled adult or vulnerable elderly adult. For purposes of any proceeding, civil or criminal, the good faith of a financial institution making a report of suspected exploitation of a disabled adult or vulnerable elderly adult to a government agency or law enforcement agency must be presumed.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1329.

House Vote: Yeas 98 Nays 0 Absent 0

Senate Vote: Yeas 48 Nays 0 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Governor

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Secretary of State