

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Kilichowski

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-25.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to persons required to report child abuse or neglect.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-25.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **50-25.1-03. Persons required and permitted to report - To whom reported.**

- 7 1. Any physician, nurse, dentist, optometrist, medical examiner or coroner, or any
8 other medical or mental health professional, religious practitioner of the healing
9 arts, schoolteacher or administrator, school counselor, addiction counselor, social
10 worker, child care worker, foster parent, police or law enforcement officer, juvenile
11 court personnel, probation officer, division of juvenile services employee, domestic
12 violence sexual assault organization personnel as defined in section 14-07.1-01, or
13 member of the clergy having knowledge of or reasonable cause to suspect that a
14 child is abused or neglected, or has died as a result of abuse or neglect, shall
15 report the circumstances to the department if the knowledge or suspicion is derived
16 from information received by that person in that person's official or professional
17 capacity. A member of the clergy, however, is not required to report such
18 circumstances if the knowledge or suspicion is derived from information received in
19 the capacity of spiritual adviser.
- 20 2. Any person having reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused or
21 neglected, or has died as a result of abuse or neglect, may report such
22 circumstances to the department.