

HOUSE BILL NO. 1476

Introduced by

Representatives Carlson, Boucher

Senators Stenehjem, O'Connell

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-06-29 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the establishment of an aging and disability resource center.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-06-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **50-06-29. ~~Application for aging~~ Aging and disability resource center funding.** ~~No~~
7 ~~later than December 31, 2007, the~~ The department of human services shall ~~seek federal funds~~
8 ~~for the planning plan~~ and ~~implementation of~~ implement an aging and disability resource center
9 for the state. The resource center will be a single point of information program at the
10 community level which will help people make informed decisions about the full range of
11 long-term care service and support options, including both institutional and home and
12 community-based care, and which will provide unbiased information and assistance to
13 individuals needing either public or private resources, to professionals seeking assistance on
14 behalf of their clients, and to individuals planning for their future long-term care needs. ~~Upon~~
15 ~~receipt of federal funds, the~~ The department of human services may establish the aging and
16 disability resource center or it may request bids and award a contract for the provision of this
17 service. The duties of the aging and disability resource center must include all duties required
18 ~~to receive federal funds, including~~ by the 2006 amendments to the Older Americans Act [Pub.
19 L. 109-365; 120 Stat. 2522; 42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.], providing information about the full range
20 of long-term care service and support options available in the state to assure that consumers
21 may make informed decisions about their care. The resource center must be free from a
22 conflict of interest which would inappropriately influence or bias the actions of a contractor, staff
23 member, board member, or volunteer of the resource center to limit the information given to a
24 consumer to steer the consumer to services that may also be provided by the resource center.