

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3010

Introduced by

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Senators Dever, Murphy

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the identification of
2 properly trained assistance dogs providing legitimate service to their owners, waivers of local
3 registration fees, and the effect of various local ordinances on the acquisition and use of
4 assistance dogs.

5 **WHEREAS**, assistance dogs are specially trained to provide specific services to their
6 handlers; and

7 **WHEREAS**, assistance dogs provide to their owners the opportunity to fully participate in
8 social, educational, and occupational settings, thereby greatly enhancing the quality of their
9 owners' lives; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the owners of assistance dogs have legal rights governing access to public
11 places; and

12 **WHEREAS**, individuals who falsely identify their companion dogs as assistance dogs and
13 individuals who, with the intent to mislead, claim that their companion dogs are assistance
14 dogs, negatively impact those who have a legitimate need to be accompanied by a highly
15 trained assistance dog;

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF**
17 **NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

18 That the Legislative Management study whether properly trained assistance dogs
19 providing legitimate service to their owners should be licensed or identified in a manner that
20 readily distinguishes them from other companion dogs that are falsely or fraudulently claimed
21 to be assistance dogs, whether special privileges such as waivers of local registration fees
22 should be implemented for assistance dogs, and whether local ordinances do or could impede
23 the acquisition and use of assistance dogs; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and
- 2 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 3 the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly.