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Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1338

Introduced by

Representatives M. Ruby, Beltz, Bolinske, J. Olson, D. Johnston, Klemin

Senators Bekkedahl, Dever, Lee, Roers, Wobbema

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 50-25.1-05 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to a determination by the department of health and human
3 services of an individual's military status in child abuse and neglect ~~allegations~~assessments.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 50-25.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 The department or authorized agent shall determine the military status of ~~an any~~
8 individual subject to an assessment, ~~within a reasonable amount of time, if the~~
9 ~~individual's child is the subject~~at the initiation of ~~ana child~~ abuse or neglect
10 ~~allegation~~assessment. If the department determines an allegation of abuse or neglect
11 involves a military-affiliated individual, the department shall notify the nearest military
12 installation's family advocacy program of the allegation and investigation. ~~The military~~
13 installation is responsible for reporting the data to the federal department of defense.
14 The department may develop a memorandum of understanding for use by the human
15 service zone. For purposes of this subsection:

16 a. "Military-affiliated individual" means an individual with an active military status
17 and the individual's dependents.

18 b. "Military status" includes any branch of the United States military, and the
19 national guard or reserve.