

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

**ENGROSSED 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 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 any  
8 individual subject to an assessment, at the initiation of a child abuse or neglect  
9 assessment. If the department determines an allegation of abuse or neglect involves a  
10 military-affiliated individual, the department shall notify the nearest military  
11 installation's family advocacy program of the allegation and investigation. The military  
12 installation is responsible for reporting the data to the federal department of defense.  
13 The department may develop a memorandum of understanding for use by the human  
14 service zone. For purposes of this subsection:  
15 a. "Military-affiliated individual" means an individual with an active military status  
16 and the individual's dependents.  
17 b. "Military status" includes any branch of the United States military, and the  
18 national guard or reserve.