

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3062  
(Representative Sandvig)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study vulnerable adult abuse and neglect with an emphasis on whether certain individuals should be required to report suspected incidents of vulnerable adult abuse and neglect.

**WHEREAS**, adults with a substantial mental or functional impairment may be so vulnerable that they may not be able to protect themselves and may become targets of abuse, neglect, or exploitation; and

**WHEREAS**, adult abuse can happen in a variety of settings and in a variety of ways, including physical, emotional, financial, sexual, or be related to neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, the adult protective services program within the Department of Human Services provides protective services to vulnerable adults; and

**WHEREAS**, while North Dakota law requires certain individuals to report suspected child abuse and neglect, North Dakota Century Code Section 50-25.2-03 merely provides that an individual who suspects that a vulnerable adult is being abused or neglected may report the information to the Department of Human Services or an appropriate law enforcement agency; and

**WHEREAS**, requiring certain individuals to report suspected abuse or neglect may help reduce the incidents of abuse and neglect among vulnerable adults;

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

That the Legislative Council study vulnerable adult abuse and neglect with an emphasis on whether certain individuals should be required to report suspected incidents of vulnerable adult abuse and neglect; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State