

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3042
(Representatives Kasper, Ruby, Thoreson, Weiler)
(Senators Holmberg, Klein)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the laws of this state and other states as they relate to the unauthorized acquisition, theft, and misuse of personal identifying information belonging to another individual.

WHEREAS, identity theft is an issue of rising national importance, with the federal government as well as state governments investing significant energy into researching possible approaches to more effectively deal with this problem; and

WHEREAS, as technology continues to evolve, the opportunities for identity theft become more and more sophisticated and far-reaching; and

WHEREAS, the personal and commercial damages resulting from unauthorized use of personal identifying information are significant; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are being harmed by identity theft; and

WHEREAS, residents of this state have voiced a concern that North Dakota's laws do not adequately and comprehensively address the prohibition of and the penalties for identity theft;

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

That the Legislative Council study the laws of this state and other states as they relate to the unauthorized acquisition, theft, and misuse of personal identifying information belonging to another individual; 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 Sixtieth Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State