

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2070

Introduced by

Human Services Committee

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for application by the department of human services for federal
2 funds for the implementation of an aging and disability resource center; to provide an
3 appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Application for aging and disability resource center funding.** No later
6 than December 31, 2007, the department of human services shall seek federal funds for the
7 planning and implementation of an aging and disability resource center for the state. The
8 resource center will be a single point of information program at the community level which will
9 help people make informed decisions about the full range of long-term care service and support
10 options and which will provide unbiased information and assistance to individuals needing
11 either public or private resources, to professionals seeking assistance on behalf of their clients,
12 and to individuals planning for their future long-term care needs. Upon receipt of federal funds,
13 the department of human services may establish the aging and disability resource center or it
14 may request bids and award a contract for the provision of this service. The duties of the aging
15 and disability resource center must include all duties required to receive federal funds, including
16 providing information about the full range of long-term care service and support options
17 available in the state to assure that consumers may make informed decisions about their care.
18 The resource center must be free from a conflict of interest which would inappropriately
19 influence or bias the actions of a contractor, staff member, board member, or volunteer of the
20 resource center to limit the information given to a consumer to steer the consumer to services
21 that may also be provided by the resource center.

22 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
23 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$40,000, or so much
24 of the sum as may be necessary, and from special funds derived from federal funds, the sum of

1 \$800,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary to the department of human services
2 for the purpose of establishing or contracting for the provision of an aging and disability
3 resource center, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30,
4 2009.

5 **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.