

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

SENATE BILL NO. 2070
(Human Services Committee)
(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

AN ACT to provide for application by the department of human services for federal funds for the implementation of an aging and disability resource center; to provide an appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$40,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, and from special funds derived from federal funds, the sum of \$800,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary to the department of human services for the purpose of establishing or contracting for the provision of an aging and disability resource center, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2009. The department may use the funds appropriated from the general fund only if the department receives federal funds for an aging and disability resource center as described in section 1 of this Act. Any general fund amounts not used for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2009, may not be spent.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2070 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 1 Absent 1

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 92 Nays 0 Absent 2

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2007.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2007.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2007,

at ___ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State