

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2271**

Introduced by

Senators Bakke, Olafson, Taylor

Representatives Dahl, Kroeber, Uglen

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-25.1 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to child abuse investigations and required reports of animal abuse.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-25.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Child abuse or neglect - Investigation - Report of animal abuse or neglect.** If in the  
7 course of assessing whether child abuse or neglect has occurred, an individual employed by or  
8 under contract with the department has reasonable cause to believe that an animal may have  
9 also been abused or neglected, the individual shall notify the appropriate law enforcement  
10 agency.