

**SENATE BILL NO.**

Introduced by

Senator G. Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-25.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to persons required to report child abuse or neglect.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-25.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **50-25.1-03. Persons required and permitted to report - To whom reported.**

- 7 1. Any physician, nurse, dentist, optometrist, medical examiner or coroner, or any  
8 other medical, dental, or mental health professional, religious practitioner of the  
9 healing arts, schoolteacher or administrator, school counselor, addiction counselor,  
10 social worker, child care worker, foster parent, police or law enforcement officer,  
11 juvenile court personnel, probation officer, division of juvenile services employee,  
12 or member of the clergy having knowledge of or reasonable cause to suspect that  
13 a child is abused or neglected, or has died as a result of abuse or neglect, shall  
14 report the circumstances to the department if the knowledge or suspicion is derived  
15 from information received by that person in that person's official or professional  
16 capacity. A member of the clergy, however, is not required to report such  
17 circumstances if the knowledge or suspicion is derived from information received in  
18 the capacity of spiritual adviser.
- 19 2. Any person having reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused or  
20 neglected, or has died as a result of abuse or neglect, may report such  
21 circumstances to the department.