

**Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4005

(Senator J. Lee)

(Representative N. Johnson)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the impact of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on the Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota and the statutes governing the Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota.

WHEREAS, the enactment of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act makes significant changes to the health insurance industry and includes a provision guaranteeing health insurance coverage for all North Dakotans beginning in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota was established by the Legislative Assembly as the state's high-risk pool to provide an important safety net for those who have been denied insurance coverage in the individual market, to provide coverage for individuals who are disabled or age 65 or over, and to provide other special programs; and

WHEREAS, provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act do not directly apply to state high-risk pools like the Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota and the demand for coverage under the Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota may be significantly impacted with the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act;

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

That the Legislative Management study the impact of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on the Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota and the statutes governing the Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly.