

HOUSE BILL NO. 1326

Introduced by

Representatives Cory, Pyle

Senators Hogue, Kreun

1 A BILL ~~for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 37-18 of the North Dakota~~
2 ~~Century Code, relating to department of veterans' affairs access to information.~~ for an Act to
3 amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 23-02.1-27 of the North Dakota Century Code,
4 relating to access to death records.

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

6 ~~SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 37-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is created~~
7 ~~and enacted as follows:~~

8 ~~— **Suicide prevention – Access to records.**~~

9 ~~— The commissioner may implement suicide prevention efforts for veterans and veterans'~~
10 ~~dependents. Notwithstanding section 23-07-20.1, at the request of the commissioner, the~~
11 ~~department of health and human services shall disclose to the department of veterans' affairs~~
12 ~~suicide data under chapter 23-07. If the disclosed data includes personally identifiable~~
13 ~~information, the department of veterans' affairs may not disclose the personally identifiable~~
14 ~~information with a third party without entering a confidentiality agreement with the third party.~~

15 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 23-02.1-27 of the North Dakota
16 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 17 2. A certified copy of a complete death record may be issued to a relative, an authorized
18 representative, the child fatality review board, a licensed physician, or a genetic sibling
19 for the purposes of researching family medical history, a funeral director reporting the
20 facts of death, the commissioner of veterans' affairs for a death record of an individual
21 designated as having served in the United States armed forces, or a person with
22 personal or real property interests that depend upon information contained in the
23 complete death record or by the order of a court of competent jurisdiction and may
24 include the cause of death and the social security number. A certified copy of the facts

1 of death record that includes the facts of death and the social security number may be
2 issued to any person that may obtain a certified copy of a complete death record or to
3 any licensed attorney who requires the copy for a bona fide legal determination. A
4 certified copy of an informational death record may be issued to the general public, but
5 the copy may not contain the cause of death or the social security number.