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Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1326

Introduced by

Representatives Cory, Pyle

Senators Hogue, Kreun

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

~~**Suicide prevention - Access to records.**~~

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

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

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

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