

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a guardianship services system; and to provide an
2 appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Guardianship services.** The department of human services shall
5 contract with an entity to create and coordinate a unified system for the provision of
6 guardianship services to vulnerable adults who are ineligible for developmental disabilities case
7 management services. The system must include a base unit funding level, provider standards,
8 staff competency requirements, the use of an emergency funding procedure to cover the costs
9 of establishing needed guardianships, and guidelines and training for guardians. The
10 department shall require that the contracting entity develop and maintain a system of volunteer
11 guardians to serve the state. The department shall adopt rules for guardianship services to
12 vulnerable adults which are consistent with chapters 30.1-26, 30.1-28, and 30.1-29.

13 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
14 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$772,550, or so much
15 of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of
16 contracting for the establishment and maintenance of a guardianship services system for
17 vulnerable adults who are ineligible for developmental disabilities case management services,
18 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007.