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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a study of liability and insurance issues as they relate to the
2 business environment and for a report to the legislative council.

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

4 **SECTION 1. INSURANCE AND LIABILITY STUDY - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE**
5 **COUNCIL.** During the 2005-06 interim, the insurance commissioner shall conduct a study of
6 the state's liability laws as they relate to businesses and liability insurance. The study must
7 include consideration of liability issues that may result in barriers for businesses, with specific
8 focus on the travel and tourism industry; include consideration of civil liability issues that result
9 in unaffordable or unavailable liability insurance for businesses; and include consideration of
10 successful actions taken by other states to improve the availability and affordability of liability
11 insurance. The insurance commissioner may contract with a third party in performing this
12 study. Before July 1, 2006, the insurance commissioner shall report to the legislative council
13 the outcome of the study and identify proposed legislative changes necessary to implement any
14 recommendations to make the state's liability laws and availability of liability insurance more
15 attractive to businesses in this state.