

HOUSE BILL NO. 1317

Introduced by

Representative Hoverson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to providing financial assistance for costs associated with a pregnancy
3 that results in an adoption of a newborn.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Financial assistance for costs associated with pregnancy resulting in adoption.**

- 8 1. The department shall develop a program to provide financial assistance to individuals
9 for costs associated with a pregnancy that results in an adoption of a newborn.
- 10 2. Financial assistance under the program must include:
- 11 a. The payment of medical expenses incurred for the labor and delivery of a child
12 adopted as a newborn.
- 13 b. The payment of reasonable fees directly incurred by a married couple who are
14 members of the opposite sex for an adoption of a newborn which occurs under
15 subdivision a.
- 16 3. To receive financial assistance under this section, the individual must be a resident of
17 the state.