

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4019

Introduced by

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Representatives Carlson, Delmore, Disrud

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study medical and financial privacy
2 laws in this state, the effectiveness of medical and financial privacy laws in other states, the
3 interaction of federal and state medical and financial privacy laws, and whether current medical
4 and financial privacy protections meet the reasonable expectations of the citizens of North
5 Dakota.

6 **WHEREAS**, the advancement of technologies such as computers and the internet have
7 greatly increased the flow of information; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the quantity of medical and financial information of an individual that is
9 compiled and maintained by various sources is continuing to increase; and

10 **WHEREAS**, every individual in this state has a reasonable expectation of privacy in
11 certain medical and financial information; and

12 **WHEREAS**, current medical and financial privacy protections may not meet the
13 reasonable expectations of the citizens of North Dakota; and

14 **WHEREAS**, national associations of public officials have compiled useful information on
15 medical and financial privacy; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the flow of information across state lines requires coordination of federal
17 and state privacy protections; and

18 **WHEREAS**, a number of bills are introduced each legislative session that address
19 specific areas of medical or financial privacy;

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
21 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

22 That the Legislative Council study medical, financial, and related privacy laws in this
23 state, the effectiveness of medical and financial privacy laws in other states, the interaction of
24 federal and state medical and financial privacy laws, and whether current medical and financial
25 privacy protections meet the reasonable expectations of the citizens of North Dakota; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that due to the complexity and importance of this study,
2 the Legislative Council form a special committee to perform the study; and
3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
4 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
5 the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.