

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

SENATE BILL NO. 2202  
(Senators Wardner, Lyson)  
(Representatives Haas, Maragos)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 44-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to exempting from the open records law records concerning individual recipients of economic assistance administered under the division of community services or a community action agency; and to declare an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 44-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Exemption of records relating to individual recipients of economic assistance or benefits.** Records concerning individual applicants or recipients of economic assistance or support administered under the division of community services or a community action agency, including benefits or services, are exempt from section 44-04-18 and section 6 of article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota. These exempt records include applications, income or eligibility verification, assessments, or other personal, medical, or financial data.

**SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2202 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote:      Yeas        45            Nays        0            Absent      2

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote:      Yeas        86            Nays        5            Absent      3

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Speaker of the House

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Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005,

at \_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State