

**SECOND ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments
REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1199**

Introduced by

Representatives Keiser, Glassheim

Senators Wardner, O'Connell

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a study of guardianship services for vulnerable adults in the
2 state; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. GUARDIANSHIP SERVICES STUDY.** During the 2011-12 interim, the
5 legislative management shall contract with a consultant to study guardianship services for
6 vulnerable adults in the state. The study must include an analysis of the need for guardianship
7 services in the state; the establishment of guardianships; petitioning costs and other costs
8 associated with providing guardianship services; the entities responsible for guardianship costs;
9 and the interaction between the courts, counties, state agencies, and guardianship
10 organizations regarding guardianship services. The consultant shall provide periodic reports to
11 the legislative management. The consultant shall present the final report and recommendations
12 regarding the study to the legislative management before June 1, 2012. The legislative
13 management shall report the findings and recommendations, together with any legislation
14 required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-third legislative assembly.

15 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
16 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$64,000, or so much of the
17 sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of funding
18 guardianship program enhancements, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending
19 June 30, 2013. This funding is to be considered one-time funding and is not considered to be
20 base funding for the 2013-15 biennium.