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

SENATE BILL NO. 2028
(Legislative Council)
(Criminal Justice Committee)

AN ACT to provide for a guardianship services system; and to provide an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. Guardianship services. The department of human services may create and coordinate a unified system for the provision of guardianship services to vulnerable adults who are ineligible for developmental disabilities case management services. The system must include a base unit funding level, provider standards, staff competency requirements, the use of an emergency funding procedure to cover the costs of establishing needed guardianships, and guidelines and training for guardians. The department shall require that the contracting entity develop and maintain a system of volunteer guardians to serve the state. The department shall adopt rules for guardianship services to vulnerable adults which are consistent with chapters 30.1-26, 30.1-28, and 30.1-29.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $40,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of contracting for the establishment and maintenance of a guardianship services system for vulnerable adults who are ineligible for developmental disabilities case management services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

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. 2028.

Senate Vote:	Yeas	45	Nays	0	Absent	2
House Vote:	Yeas	89	Nays	0	Absent	5

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State