

Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2264

Introduced by

Senators Bekkedahl, Laffen, D. Larson

Representatives Hatlestad, Howe, Sukut

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 23-01-05.5 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to providing notification of the report of death to the next of kin of the
3 deceased.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 23-01-05.5 of the North Dakota
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 2. An autopsy report and any working papers and notes relating to an autopsy report are
8 confidential and may be disclosed only as permitted by this section. The report of
9 death ~~is~~becomes a public record ~~subject to disclosure under section 44-04-18~~after the
10 deceased's next of kin is notified, or fourteen days have elapsed since the time the
11 report of death was completed, whichever occurs first. The next of kin is responsible
12 for providing to the state forensic examiner or the examiner's designee satisfactory
13 proof of relationship to the deceased and contact information for notification of the
14 autopsy results. The state forensic examiner or the examiner's designee shall make a
15 good faith effort to notify the next of kin using the provided contact information within
16 seventy-two hours after the report of death is completed.