Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3004
(Legislative Management)
(Health Services Committee)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to continue to study medicolegal death investigation in the state and how current best practices, including authorization, reporting, training, certification, and the use of information technology and toxicology, can improve death investigation systems in the state.

WHEREAS, the 2013-14 interim Health Services Committee studied funding provided by the state for autopsies and state and county responsibility for the cost of autopsies, including the feasibility and desirability of counties sharing in the cost of autopsies; and

WHEREAS, the number of forensic autopsies performed in North Dakota has been steadily increasing; and

WHEREAS, in addition to criminal justice, death investigation plays a role in public and population health; and

WHEREAS, medicolegal death investigation is complicated by distance and an inadequate supply of medical professionals in rural areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Medical Examiners provides consultation services to states developing systems for death investigation; and

WHEREAS, the 2013-14 interim Health Services Committee determined additional information was needed regarding recommended improvements to the medicolegal death investigation system in the state;

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

That the Legislative Management continue to study medicolegal death investigation in the state and how current best practices, including authorization, reporting, training, certification, and the use of information technology and toxicology, can improve death investigation systems in the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this 6th day of April, 2015,

at 3:55 o'clock P M.

Secretary of State