

**SENATE BILL NO. 2292**

Introduced by

Senators Heitkamp, Schobinger, Solberg

Representatives Brusegaard, Gulleason, Maragos

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to students in veterinary medicine, optometry, and dentistry.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Students in veterinary medicine, optometry, and dentistry - Note repayment.**

- 7 1. At the time that payments are made to or on behalf of a student in veterinary  
8 medicine, optometry, or dentistry, from the appropriations for reciprocal  
9 agreements, the Bank of North Dakota shall obtain a note signed by each student,  
10 in an amount equal to the sum by which the tuition is reduced at the institution  
11 attended by the student under a contract between the institution and the state  
12 board of higher education.
- 13 2. For each year that the student works in this state as a licensed veterinarian,  
14 optometrist, or dentist, the Bank of North Dakota shall waive repayment of  
15 one-third of the unpaid balance on the note and one-third of the interest accrued on  
16 the note.
- 17 3. The Bank of North Dakota shall determine the other repayment requirements.
- 18 4. Upon notification from the state board of higher education, the Bank may  
19 temporarily waive the repayment requirements during any time the student is  
20 pursuing advanced study in veterinary medicine, optometry, or dentistry or enlisted  
21 in the military service of this country.
- 22 5. If within two years of graduating from a program in veterinary medicine, optometry,  
23 or dentistry a student returns to this state and practices in the specialty for which  
24 the student trained for the time required to repay the note, the Bank of North

- 1 Dakota may, upon notification from the state board of higher education, refund any
- 2 or all of the note repayment that the student has already provided.