

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2378

Introduced by

Senators Nething, Andrist, Lyson

Representative Hawken

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 43-28.1-03 and subsection 1 of
2 section 43-28.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to selection criteria and eligibility
3 for loan repayment for dentists.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 43-28.1-03 of the North Dakota
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 3. ~~One out of every three dentists~~ Dentists selected ~~annually~~ shall contract to provide
8 full-time dental services for a minimum of four years in one or more selected
9 communities ~~having fewer than two thousand five hundred residents. One out of~~
10 ~~every three dentists selected annually shall contract to provide full-time dental~~
11 ~~services for a minimum of four years in one or more selected communities having~~
12 ~~fewer than ten thousand residents. One out of every three dentists selected~~
13 ~~annually shall contract to provide full-time dental services for a minimum of four~~
14 ~~years in one or more selected communities having ten thousand or more residents.~~

15 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 43-28.1-04 of the North Dakota
16 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

17 1. The state health council shall apply the following criteria in selecting a community
18 with a defined need for the services of a dentist:
19 a. The size of the community, with rural communities with a population under
20 twenty-five hundred given highest priority, communities with a population
21 between twenty-five hundred and ten thousand given the next highest priority,
22 and communities with a population greater than ten thousand given the lowest
23 priority. In cities with a population greater than ten thousand, first priority

- 1 must be given to dentists who commit to satellite to underserved areas and
2 then to dental specialists in cities with an identified need for a specialist.
3 b. The number of dentists practicing in the community and the surrounding area.
4 c. The access by residents to dentists practicing in the community and the
5 surrounding area.
6 d. The mix of dental specialties in the community and surrounding area.
7 e. The degree to which residents support the addition of a dentist within the
8 community.