## FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2384

Introduced by

Senators Fischer, Mathern

Representative Delmore

- 1 A BILL for an Act to provide for an appropriation to the state department of health for the
- 2 purpose of providing health care access grants to local public health units and
- 3 community-based nonprofit organizations.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the 6 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$400,000, or so much 7 of the sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health for the purpose of 8 administering and funding health care access grants to local public health units and 9 community-based nonprofit organizations, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending 10 June 30, 2009. The state department of health shall establish criteria and application materials 11 for local public health units and community-based nonprofit organizations to apply for 12 competitive health safety grants. Recipients of grants shall use the grants to develop local 13 networks or partnerships to care for the uninsured and underinsured, to support community 14 businesses in addressing health care issues impacting expenditures and the ability to recruit 15 and retain workers, to develop community-based collaborative projects to reduce the number of 16 uninsured and underinsured, and to evaluate the effectiveness of the activities undertaken.