

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Kretschmar

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 43-28.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a grant program for dentists in rural communities; to provide an
3 appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 43-28.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Rural practices - Grants.**

- 8 1. A dentist who graduated from an accredited dental school and is licensed to
9 practice in North Dakota may submit an application to the state health council for a
10 grant for the purpose of establishing or purchasing a dental practice in a city in the
11 state which has a population that does not exceed seven thousand five hundred.
12 2. The state health council may award a maximum of three grants per year and shall
13 establish the criteria for the grant program under subsection 1 which must include:
14 a. A maximum grant award of thirty thousand dollars per applicant;
15 b. A requirement that a dentist who receives a grant under this section must use
16 the funds for startup costs or relocation costs; and
17 c. A requirement that a dentist selected for a grant under this section must
18 commit to practice in the community for a minimum of five years.

19 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
20 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$180,000, or so much
21 of the sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health for the purpose of funding
22 the rural dental practices grants under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1,
23 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

24 **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.