

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 43-28.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the new dental practice grant program.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-28.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **43-28.1-10. New practices - Grants.**

- 7 1. A dentist who graduated from an accredited dental school within the previous five
8 years and is licensed to practice in North Dakota may submit an application to the
9 state health council for a grant for the purpose of establishing a dental practice in a
10 city in the state which has a population that does not exceed seven thousand five
11 hundred.
- 12 2. The state health council may award a maximum of two 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 fifty thousand dollars per applicant;
- 15 b. A requirement that the community must provide a fifty percent dollar or in-kind
16 match for a grant;
- 17 c. A requirement that a dentist who receives a grant under this section must use the
18 funds for buildings, equipment, and operating expenses;
- 19 d. A provision that the grant must be distributed in equal amounts over a five-year
20 period; and
- 21 e. A requirement that a dentist selected for a grant under this section must commit
22 to practice in the community for a minimum of five years.