

SENATE BILL NO. 2295

Introduced by

Senators Lee, Grindberg, Lyson

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a donated dental services program; and to provide an
2 appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Donated dental services program.** The state department of health shall
5 contract with the North Dakota dental association, or other appropriate and qualified
6 organizations, to develop and administer a donated dental services program through which
7 volunteer dentists provide comprehensive dental care for needy, disabled, aged, or medically
8 compromised individuals. The volunteers will use their respective offices to treat individuals
9 through the program and, with the exception of certain dental laboratory costs, will fully donate
10 their services and supplies.

11 **SECTION 2. Donated dental services program - Contract.** The contract must
12 specify the responsibilities of the administering organization and include:

- 13 1. Establishment of a network of volunteer dentists, including dental specialists,
14 volunteer dental laboratories, and other appropriate volunteer professionals to
15 donate dental services to eligible individuals;
16 2. Establishment of a system to refer eligible individuals to appropriate volunteers;
17 3. Development and implementation of a public awareness campaign to educate
18 eligible individuals about the availability of the program;
19 4. Provision of appropriate administrative and technical support to the program;
20 5. Submission of an annual report to the state department of health that:
21 a. Accounts for all program funds;
22 b. Reports the number of individuals served by the program and the number of
23 dentists and dental laboratories participating as providers in the program;
24 c. Includes any other information required by the state department of health; and

- 1 d. Performs, as required by the state department of health, any other duty
2 relating to the program.

3 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
4 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$39,000, or so much
5 of the sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health for the purpose of
6 establishing a donated dental services program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, and
7 ending June 30, 2003.