

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

SENATE BILL NO. 2378  
(Senators Nething, Andrist, Lyson)  
(Representative Hawken)

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

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

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

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

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

1. The state health council shall apply the following criteria in selecting a community with a defined need for the services of a dentist:
  - a. The size of the community, with rural communities with a population under twenty-five hundred given highest priority, communities with a population between twenty-five hundred and ten thousand given the next highest priority, and communities with a population greater than ten thousand given the lowest priority. In cities with a population greater than ten thousand, first priority must be given to dentists who commit to satellite to underserved areas and then to dental specialists in cities with an identified need for a specialist.
  - b. The number of dentists practicing in the community and the surrounding area.
  - c. The access by residents to dentists practicing in the community and the surrounding area.
  - d. The mix of dental specialties in the community and surrounding area.
  - e. The degree to which residents support the addition of a dentist within the community.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2378.

Senate Vote:    Yeas    45        Nays    0        Absent    2

House Vote:    Yeas    80        Nays    3        Absent    11

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003,

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Secretary of State