

Introduced by

Senators Myrdal, Klein

Representatives Hanson, Monson

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of commerce for a rural grocery
2 store sustainability and food access expansion grant program.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - RURAL GROCERY**
5 **STORE SUSTAINABILITY AND FOOD ACCESS EXPANSION GRANTS - ONE-TIME**

6 **FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury,
7 not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be
8 necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of providing grants for the
9 preservation of rural grocery stores and increasing the availability of food access in the state,
10 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The department shall
11 prioritize grant funding awarded under this section for supporting existing rural grocery stores
12 before awarding grant funding for feasibility costs related to establishing new rural grocery
13 stores. The department of commerce shall establish guidelines for awarding grants under this
14 section. This funding is considered a one-time funding item.