

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments**

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2152

Introduced by

Senators Nething, J. Lee, Warner

Representatives Pietsch, Price

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 43-28.1-03 and a new
2 section to chapter 43-28.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to selection and eligibility
3 for loan repayment under the dentists' loan repayment program; and to provide legislative
4 intent.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 43-28.1-03 of the North Dakota Century
7 Code is created and enacted as follows:

8 For the purposes of a dentist selected for loan payment who practices within fifteen
9 miles [24.14 kilometers] of the city limits of Bismarck, Fargo, or Grand Forks, to
10 qualify to receive a yearly disbursement under this chapter during that year of
11 obligated service, the dentist must have received dental medical payments of at
12 least twenty thousand dollars in the form of medical assistance reimbursement.

13 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 43-28.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
14 created and enacted as follows:

15 **New practices - Grants.**

- 16 1. A dentist who graduated from an accredited dental school within the previous five
17 years and is licensed to practice in North Dakota may submit an application to the
18 state health council for a grant for the purpose of establishing a dental practice in a
19 city in the state which has a population that does not exceed seven thousand five
20 hundred.
- 21 2. The state health council may award a maximum of two grants per year and shall
22 establish the criteria for the grant program under subsection 1 which must include:
- 23 a. A maximum grant award of fifty thousand dollars per applicant;
24 b. A requirement that the community must provide a fifty percent match for a
25 grant;

- 1 c. A requirement that a dentist who receives a grant under this section must use
2 the funds for buildings, equipment, and operating expenses;
3 d. A provision that the grant must be distributed in equal amounts over a
4 five-year period; and
5 e. A requirement that a dentist selected for a grant under this section must
6 commit to practice in the community for a minimum of five years.

7 **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - GRANT PREFERENCE.** House Bill No. 1004
8 contains a \$380,000 appropriation from the community health trust fund to the state department
9 of health for the dental loan repayment program for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and
10 ending June 30, 2009. This funding is also to be used for the grant program established in this
11 Act, with preference in the use of the funding to the grant applicants.