

SENATE BILL NO. 2358

Introduced by

Senator Dever

Representatives L. Meier, Nathe

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 43-28.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a dental loan repayment program; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 43-28.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Loan repayment program for dentists in public health and nonprofit dental**
7 **clinics.**

- 8 1. If funds have been appropriated specifically for loan repayment to dentists who
9 practice in a public health setting or a nonprofit dental clinic that uses a sliding fee
10 schedule to bill patients, during the first year of each biennium the health council
11 shall select from a pool of applicants no more than three dentists who provide or
12 will provide dental services in a public health clinic or nonprofit dental clinic that
13 uses a sliding fee schedule to bill patients. A dentist who receives a grant under
14 this section shall use the grant funds to repay the dentist's educational loans. The
15 maximum grant award is sixty thousand dollars per recipient which is paid to the
16 recipient over a two-year period.
- 17 2. Unless otherwise provided under this section, sections 43-28.1-02 and 43-28.1-04,
18 subsections 1, 2, and 3 of section 43-28.1-03, and sections 43-28.1-05,
19 43-28.1-06, 43-28.1-07, 43-28.1-08, and 43-28.1-09 apply to this grant.
- 20 3. A recipient who receives a grant under this section shall serve three years as a
21 full-time practicing dentist in the public health setting or a nonprofit clinic that uses
22 a sliding fee schedule to bill patients and must be paid the grant funds during the
23 first two years of this service.

1 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
2 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$180,000, or so much
3 of the sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health for the purpose of providing
4 grants to dentists under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and
5 ending June 30, 2011.