

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

SENATE BILL NO. 2358
(Senator Dever)
(Representatives L. Meier, Nathe)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 43-28.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a dental loan repayment program; and to provide an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2358.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 53 Nays 35 Absent 6

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State