

SENATE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Senator Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a transportation voucher program; and to provide an
2 appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Voucher program.** Within legislative appropriation, the department of
5 transportation may provide, contract with a third party, or provide grants to a third party to
6 administer a transportation voucher program. The program must provide assigned checks to
7 eligible participants for the payment of fees or reimbursement of mileage to transportation
8 providers. An assigned check may be used to defray the costs of a ride provided by a volunteer
9 driver or an existing transportation system. To be eligible, a participant must have a
10 documented disability and an identifiable barrier to transportation.

11 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
12 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$220,000, or so much
13 of the sum as may be necessary, and from special funds the sum of \$780,000, or so much of
14 the sum as may be necessary, to the department of transportation for the purpose of creating
15 and administering a transportation voucher system to increase ridership for individuals with
16 disabilities for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.