

Introduced by

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(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 5 and 6 of section 43-12.2-01 and
2 subsection 3 of section 43-12.2-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the medical
3 loan repayment program; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 5 and 6 of section 43-12.2-01 of the North
6 Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

- 7 5. Each recipient is limited to a ~~ten~~ thirty thousand dollar maximum loan repayment to
8 be paid over two years.
- 9 6. The state health council ~~shall~~ may select ~~up to five~~ any number of recipients ~~in five~~
10 and communities each year as participants in the program subject to the
11 availability of funding.

12 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 43-12.2-03 of the North Dakota
13 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 14 3. A nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or certified nurse midwife who receives
15 loan repayment under this chapter:
- 16 a. Must be a graduate of an accredited program, located in the United States or
17 Canada, for the preparation of nurse practitioners, physician assistants, or
18 certified nurse midwives;
- 19 b. Must be enrolled in or have graduated from an accredited training program for
20 nurse practitioners, physician assistants, or certified nurse midwives prior to
21 or within one year after submitting an application to participate in the loan
22 repayment program and may not have practiced full time as a nurse
23 practitioner, physician assistant, or certified nurse midwife in this state ~~within~~
24 ~~three years~~ for more than one year before the date of the application;

- 1 c. Must be licensed or registered to practice as a nurse practitioner, physician
- 2 assistant, or certified nurse midwife in this state;
- 3 d. Shall submit an application to participate in the loan repayment program; and
- 4 e. Must have entered into an agreement with a selected community to provide
- 5 full-time services for a minimum of two years at the selected community if the
- 6 applicant receives a loan repayment program contract.

7 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY HEALTH TRUST FUND.** There is
8 appropriated out of any moneys in the community health trust fund in the state treasury, not
9 otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$67,500, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to
10 the state department of health for the purpose of providing funding for the medical loan
11 repayment program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.