

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2227
(Senators Stenehjem, O'Connell)
(Representatives Boucher, Carlson)
(At the request of the Governor)

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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

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

3. A nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or certified nurse midwife who receives loan repayment under this chapter:
 - a. Must be a graduate of an accredited program, located in the United States or Canada, for the preparation of nurse practitioners, physician assistants, or certified nurse midwives;
 - b. Must be enrolled in or have graduated from an accredited training program for nurse practitioners, physician assistants, or certified nurse midwives prior to or within one year after submitting an application to participate in the loan repayment program and may not have practiced full time as a nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or certified nurse midwife in this state ~~within three years~~ for more than one year before the date of the application;
 - c. Must be licensed or registered to practice as a nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or certified nurse midwife in this state;
 - d. Shall submit an application to participate in the loan repayment program; and
 - e. Must have entered into an agreement with a selected community to provide full-time services for a minimum of two years at the selected community if the applicant receives a loan repayment program contract.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY HEALTH TRUST FUND. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the community health trust fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$67,500, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health for the purpose of providing funding for the medical loan repayment program, 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. 2227.

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 0 Absent 2

House Vote: Yeas 89 Nays 3 Absent 2

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