

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2356

Introduced by

Senator Dever

Representative Nathe

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-38 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a community dental health grant program for dental clinics; to provide
3 an appropriation; and to provide an expiration date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 23-38 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Community dental health grant program.** The state health officer shall administer a
8 community dental health grant program for the distribution of dental health grant funds. The
9 state health officer or the state health officer's designee shall serve as chairman of a committee
10 charged with reviewing applications and awarding grants under this section. The state health
11 officer shall appoint the department's oral health program director and one member from the
12 dental community to serve on the committee. The committee shall evaluate applications for
13 grant funds from nonprofit dental clinics that are exempt from federal taxation under section
14 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code [26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3)]. The committee may award a
15 grant to an eligible applicant to purchase equipment required to operate the applicant's dental
16 clinic if the committee determines the applicant has demonstrated needs in the applicant's
17 application. A grant may not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars.

18 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
19 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$450,000, or so much
20 of the sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health for the purpose of funding
21 grants awarded under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending
22 June 30, 2011.

23 **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through July 31, 2011, and
24 after that date is ineffective.