

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2231
(Senators J. Lee, Fiebiger, Krebsbach)
(Representatives N. Johnson, Hofstad, Kerzman)

AN ACT to provide for contracting with a statewide charitable food recovery and distribution organization; and to provide an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. Department of human services food assistance contracts. The department of human services shall contract with a statewide charitable food recovery and distribution organization to develop and implement new methods of delivering charitable food assistance services in underserved counties, to include a mobile food pantry program and prepacked food basket program; expand the recovery of surplus food from the retail and wholesale food industry for distribution to charitable feeding programs; provide training, technical assistance, and equipment grants to community food pantries and emergency meal programs; and develop a cross-referral system between charitable feeding programs and government assistance programs that help clients achieve self-sufficiency.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$350,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state department of human services for the purpose of contracting with a statewide provider of charitable food distribution services to address gaps in service in, expand the recovery and distribution of surplus food supplies for, and strengthen the capacity of, the North Dakota charitable emergency feeding network, 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. 2231.

Senate Vote: Yeas 34 Nays 12 Absent 1

House Vote: Yeas 54 Nays 37 Absent 3

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