

**Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

SENATE BILL NO. 2146
(Senators J. Lee, Uglem, Heckaman)
(Representatives Devlin, Weisz, Trottier)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 43-28.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the new dental practice grant program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 43-28.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-28.1-10. New practices - Grants.

1. A dentist who graduated from an accredited dental school within the previous five years and is licensed to practice in North Dakota may submit an application to the state health council for a grant for the purpose of establishing a dental practice in a city in the state which has a population that does not exceed seven thousand five hundred.
2. The state health council may award a maximum of two grants per year and shall establish the criteria for the grant program under subsection 1 which must include:
 - a. A maximum grant award of fifty thousand dollars per applicant;
 - b. A requirement that the community must provide a fifty percent dollar or in-kind match for a grant;
 - c. A requirement that a dentist who receives a grant under this section must use the funds for buildings, equipment, and operating expenses;
 - d. A provision that the grant must be distributed in equal amounts over a five-year period; and
 - e. A requirement that a dentist selected for a grant under this section must commit to practice in the community for a minimum of five years.

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-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2146.

Senate Vote: Yeas 40 Nays 0 Absent 7

House Vote: Yeas 90 Nays 0 Absent 4

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2011.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2011.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2011,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State