

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1285**

Introduced by

Representatives J. Nelson, Monson, Sanford, Schneider, Streyle

Senators Bekkedahl, Oehlke, Robinson

1 | A BILL for an Act to provide a statement of legislative intent; and to provide an appropriation to  
2 | the department of commerce to provide grants to organizations that provide domestic violence  
3 | shelters.

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

5 |       **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER GRANTS.** There is  
6 | appropriated ~~out of any moneys in the strategic investment and improvements fund in the state~~  
7 | ~~treasury, not otherwise appropriated,~~ the sum of \$2,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be  
8 | necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of providing grants to domestic  
9 | violence sexual assault organizations as defined in section 14-07.1-01 for constructing,  
10 | renovating, or purchasing facilities to provide shelter to victims of domestic violence for the  
11 | biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017. The department of commerce shall  
12 | establish guidelines to qualify for a grant under this section. The guidelines must include  
13 | required local matching funds of at least two dollars of nonstate funds for each one dollar of  
14 | state grant funds for organizations serving communities with populations exceeding 10,000  
15 | based on the last decennial census and required local matching funds of at least one dollar of  
16 | nonstate funds for each one dollar of state grant funds for organizations serving communities  
17 | with populations of 10,000 or fewer based on the last decennial census.

18 |       **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - FUNDING FROM EARLY DISTRIBUTIONS.** It is the  
19 | intent of the sixty-fourth legislative assembly that funding for grants provided in section 1 of this  
20 | Act be considered as part of the funding provided in Senate Bill No. 2103.