

Sixty-fourth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1004

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state department
2 of health; and to amend and reenact section 43-29.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code,
3 relating to selection criteria for the veterinarian loan repayment program.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
6 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
7 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and
8 other income, to the state department of health for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
9 state department of health, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017,
10 as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	
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13	Salaries and wages	\$54,757,510	\$7,106,629	\$61,864,139
14	Accrued leave payments	2,223,289	(2,223,289)	0
15	Operating expenses	37,305,014	3,300,313	40,605,327
16	Capital assets	2,224,288	1,264,522	3,488,810
17	Grants	57,510,729	(1,609,639)	55,901,090
18	Tobacco prevention	5,544,251	869,464	6,413,715
19	WIC food payments	<u>24,659,861</u>	<u>(4,459,861)</u>	<u>20,200,000</u>
20	Total all funds	\$184,224,942	\$4,248,139	\$188,473,081
21	Less estimated income	<u>139,303,434</u>	<u>(982,563)</u>	<u>138,320,871</u>
22	Total general fund	\$44,921,508	\$5,230,702	\$50,152,210
23	Full-time equivalent positions	354.00	7.00	361.00

1 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SIXTY-**
2 **FIFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items
3 approved by the sixty-third legislative assembly for the 2013-15 biennium and 2015-17 one-time
4 funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

5	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2013-15</u>	<u>2015-17</u>
6	Federal fiscal stimulus	\$155,000	\$0
7	EPA lawsuit contingency	500,000	0
8	Funding to contract for autopsies	480,000	0
9	Food and lodging licensing management system	110,000	0
10	Environmental equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>780,000</u>
11	Total all funds	\$1,245,000	\$780,000
12	Less estimated income	<u>265,000</u>	<u>488,000</u>
13	Total general fund	\$980,000	\$292,000

14 The 2015-17 one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the
15 2017-19 biennium. The state department of health shall report to the appropriations committees
16 of the sixty-fifth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium
17 beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

18 **SECTION 3. ENVIRONMENT AND RANGELAND PROTECTION FUND.** The estimated
19 income line item included in section 1 of this Act includes \$250,000, or so much of the sum as
20 may be necessary, to be made available to the state department of health from the environment
21 and rangeland protection fund, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30,
22 2017. This amount includes \$50,000 for a grant to the North Dakota stockmen's association
23 environmental services program.

24 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-29.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
25 amended and reenacted as follows:

26 **43-29.1-03. Veterinarian selection criteria - Eligibility for loan repayment.**

- 27 1. In establishing the criteria regarding eligibility for loan repayment funds under this
28 chapter, the state health council shall consider the applicant's:
- 29 a. Training in food animal veterinary medicine, ability, willingness to engage in food
30 animal veterinary medicine, and the extent to which such services are needed in
31 a selected community;

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- 1 b. Commitment to serve in a community that is in need of a veterinarian;
- 2 c. Compatibility with a selected community;
- 3 d. Date of availability for service to the selected community; and
- 4 e. Competence and professional conduct.
- 5 2. An applicant selected to receive loan repayment funds under this chapter ~~must~~:
- 6 a. ~~Have~~Must have graduated from an accredited college of veterinary medicine; ~~and~~
- 7 b. ~~Be~~Must be licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this state; and
- 8 c. Must be employed full-time in the private practice of veterinary medicine.
- 9 3. A selected applicant shall contract to provide full-time veterinary medicine services for
- 10 two, three, or four years in one or more selected communities.