

SENATE BILL NO. 2273

Introduced by

Senators Krauter, Bowman, Robinson, Solberg, Tallackson

Representative DeKrey

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 10-30.5 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the use of funds in the North Dakota development fund; and to
3 provide for a transfer of moneys in the regional rural development revolving loan fund account.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 10-30.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Rural development funds - Grants.** Moneys from the North Dakota development fund
8 allocated for the benefit of the areas delineated as regions by executive order of the governor
9 pursuant to section 54-40.1-02 may be used to make matching grants to county-authorized or
10 city-authorized development corporations. The funds received by the county-authorized or
11 city-authorized development corporations must be used by the development corporations to pay
12 the salaries of development staff. A grant may be allocated only to a county-authorized or
13 city-authorized development corporation within the region for which the allocation was originally
14 made and must be distributed to the corporation in three equal annual payments.

15 **SECTION 2. TRANSFER - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS.** The funds
16 available in the North Dakota development fund in the regional rural development revolving loan
17 fund accounts must be transferred on the effective date of this Act to the regional planning
18 council in the areas delineated as regions as described in section 10 of chapter 48 of the 1997
19 Session Laws. The funds transferred to the regional planning councils under this section must
20 be dedicated for the purpose of providing financial assistance, research and development
21 assistance, and loans or equity or debt financing on a matching basis to new or expanded
22 primary sector businesses in areas of the state which are not within five miles [8.05 kilometers]
23 of any city with a population of more than eight thousand.