

SENATE BILL NO. 2293

Introduced by

Senators Grindberg, Flakoll

Representative Berg

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a donated dental services program; and to provide an
2 appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Donated dental services program.**

- 5 1. The state department of health shall contract with the North Dakota dental
6 association or any other appropriate and qualified organization to develop and
7 administer a donated dental services program through which volunteer dentists
8 provide comprehensive dental care for needy, disabled, aged, and medically
9 compromised individuals. Under the program, volunteer dentists will use their
10 private offices to treat individuals and, with the exception of certain dental
11 laboratory costs, will fully donate services and supplies.
- 12 2. The department's contract with the administering organization must provide for the
13 administering organization to:
- 14 a. Establish a network of volunteer dentists, including dental specialists,
15 volunteer dental laboratories, and other appropriate volunteer professionals to
16 donate dental services to eligible individuals;
 - 17 b. Establish a system to refer eligible individuals to appropriate volunteers;
 - 18 c. Develop and implement a public awareness campaign to educate eligible
19 individuals about the availability of the program;
 - 20 d. Provide appropriate administrative and technical support to the program;
 - 21 e. Submit an annual report to the department which accounts for all program
22 funds; reports the number of individuals served by the program; reports the
23 number of dentists and dental laboratories participating as providers in the
24 program; and includes any other information required by the department; and

1 f. Perform, as required by the department, any other duty relating to the
2 program.

3 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
4 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$39,000, or so much
5 of the sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health for the purpose of
6 implementing the donated dentist services program under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium
7 beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003.