

Introduced by

Senators J. Lee, Bowman, Mathern

Representatives Kempenich, J. Nelson, Holman

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 6-09-47 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to a Bank of North Dakota medical facility infrastructure loan program; to amend and
3 reenact section 6-09-47 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the medical facility
4 infrastructure loan program; to provide for transfer; and to provide an appropriation; to provide a
5 continuing appropriation; to provide an effective date; and to provide an expiration date.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 6-09-47 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as
8 follows:

9 **6-09-47. Medical facility infrastructure loan program - Continuing appropriation.**

- 10 1. The Bank shall administer a loan program to provide loans to medical facilities to
11 conduct construction that improves the health care infrastructure in the state or
12 improves access to existing nonprofit health care providers in the state. The
13 construction project may include land purchases and may include purchase, lease,
14 erection, or improvement of any structure or facility to the extent the governing board
15 of the health care facility has the authority to authorize such activity.
- 16 2. In order to be eligible under this loan program, the applicant must be the governing
17 board of the health care facility which shall submit an application to the Bank. The
18 application must:
- 19 a. Detail the proposed construction project, which must be a project of at least one
20 million dollars and which is expected to be utilized for at least thirty years;
- 21 b. Demonstrate the need and long-term viability of the construction project; and
- 22 c. Include financial information as the Bank may determine appropriate to determine
23 eligibility, such as whether there are alternative financing methods.

- 1 3. The governor shall establish a task force to review loan applications under this section
2 and to make recommendations to the Bank on the loan applications. The task force
3 must include representation of medical providers and medical facilities from the oil
4 producing counties in the state. The task force shall work with the Bank to establish
5 criteria for eligibility for a loan under the program. The criteria established by the task
6 force and the Bank must give priority to applicants that are located in oil producing
7 counties and to applicants that are prospective payment system hospitals that receive
8 trauma patients from oil producing counties.
- 9 4. A loan provided under this section:
- 10 a. May not exceed the lesser of twenty million dollars or seventy-five percent of the
11 actual cost of the project;
- 12 b. Must have an interest rate equal to one percent; and
- 13 c. Must provide a repayment schedule of no longer than twenty-five years.
- 14 5. A recipient of a loan under this section shall complete the financed construction project
15 within twenty-four months of approval of the loan. Failure to comply with this
16 subsection may result in forfeiture of the entire loan received under this section.
- 17 6. The medical facility infrastructure fund is a special fund in the state treasury. All
18 moneys in the medical facility infrastructure fund are appropriated to the Bank on a
19 continuing basis for the purpose of providing loans under this section. Interest on
20 moneys in the fund must be credited to the strategic investment and improvements
21 fund in the state treasury.

22 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 6-09-47 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended
23 and reenacted as follows:

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- 25 6. The medical facility infrastructure fund is a special fund in the state treasury. All
26 moneys in the medical facility infrastructure fund is appropriated to the Bank on a
27 continuing basis for the purpose of providing loans under this section. Interest on
28 moneys in the fund must be credited to the strategic investment and improvements
29 fund in the state treasury. The Bank shall service loans made under the medical facility
30 infrastructure loan program. The repayment schedule of these loans may not exceed

1 twenty-five years. The Bank shall deposit loan repayment funds to the strategic
2 investment and improvements fund in the state treasury.

3 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - TRANSFER.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in
4 the strategic investment and improvements fund in the state treasury, not otherwise
5 appropriated, the sum of \$150,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the
6 medical facility infrastructure fund for use by the Bank of North Dakota to provide medical
7 facility infrastructure loans under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013,
8 and ending June 30, 2015.

9 **SECTION 4. LOAN REPAYMENT - BALANCE TRANSFER.** The Bank of North Dakota
10 shall deposit any loan repayment funds from the medical facility infrastructure loan program in
11 the strategic investment and improvements fund. The Bank of North Dakota shall deposit any
12 balance remaining in the medical facility infrastructure fund on July 30, 2017, in the strategic
13 investment and improvements fund.

14 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 2 of this Act becomes effective on August 1, 2017.

15 **SECTION 6. EXPIRATION DATE.** Sections 1 and 4 and of this Act are effective through
16 July 31, 2017, and after that date are ineffective. Section 2 of this Act is effective through
17 July 31, 2043, and after that date is ineffective.