Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2273 with Conference Committee Amendments SENATE BILL NO. 2273

Introduced by

Senators Myrdal, Hogan, Klein, Vedaa

Representatives Hanson, Monson

- 1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of commerce for a rural grocery
- 2 store sustainability and food access expansion pilot grant program.

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

4 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - RURAL GROCERY

5 STORE SUSTAINABILITY AND FOOD ACCESS EXPANSION PILOT GRANTS - ONE-TIME

- 6 **FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury,
- 7 not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be
- 8 necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of establishing a pilot program to
- 9 provide grants for the preservation of rural grocery stores and increasing the availability of food
- 10 access in the state, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The
- 11 department of commerce shall establish guidelines to award funding under this section. This
- 12 funding is considered a one-time funding item.