

HOUSE BILL NO. 1458

Introduced by

Representatives J. Nelson, Boe, Holman, Pollert, Weisz

Senators O'Connell, Rust

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to hospital bad debt offset grants; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Hospital bad debt offset grants.**

- 7 1. The department shall establish and administer a grant program to assist hospitals with
8 offsetting bad debt.
- 9 2. A hospital seeking a grant under this section shall file an application with the
10 department and include a finalized cost report for the prior fiscal year.
- 11 3. The department shall implement a formula to determine the amount of a grant
12 awardable under this section. The formula must include consideration of any bad debt
13 that exceeds two and seven-tenths percent of a hospital's gross revenue from
14 inpatient, outpatient, and clinic revenues.
- 15 4. The amount of a grant awardable under this section may not result in a hospital
16 earning a profit.

17 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
18 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$20,000,000, or so much of
19 the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of providing
20 bad debt offset grants to hospitals, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending
21 June 30, 2017.