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Sixty-fourth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Conference Committee Amendments  
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1004**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state department  
2 of health; to amend and reenact section 43-29.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating  
3 to selection criteria for the veterinarian loan repayment program; to provide a statement of  
4 legislative intent; and to provide for legislative management studies.

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

6 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
7 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
8 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and  
9 other income, to the state department of health for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the  
10 state department of health, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017,  
11 as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
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14 Salaries and wages	\$54,757,510	\$7,877,277	\$62,634,787
15 Accrued leave payments	2,223,289	(2,223,289)	0
16 Operating expenses	37,305,014	6,961,674	44,266,688
17 Capital assets	2,224,288	1,494,944	3,719,232
18 Grants	57,510,729	451,031	57,961,760
19 Tobacco prevention	5,544,251	1,365,926	6,910,177
20 WIC food payments	<u>24,659,861</u>	<u>(4,459,861)</u>	<u>20,200,000</u>
21 Total all funds	\$184,224,942	\$11,467,702	\$195,692,644
22 Less estimated income	<u>139,303,434</u>	<u>4,867,530</u>	<u>144,170,964</u>
23 Total general fund	\$44,921,508	\$6,600,172	\$51,521,680
24 Full-time equivalent positions	354.00	11.00	365.00

1       **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SIXTY-**  
2 **FIFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items  
3 approved by the sixty-third legislative assembly for the 2013-15 biennium and 2015-17 one-time  
4 funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

5	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2013-15</u>	<u>2015-17</u>
6	Federal fiscal stimulus	\$155,000	\$0
7	EPA lawsuit contingency	500,000	0
8	Funding to contract for autopsies	480,000	0
9	Food and lodging licensing management system	110,000	0
10	Forensic examiner x-ray equipment	0	44,000
11	WIC system upgrade	0	1,712,110
12	Environmental equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>780,000</u>
13	Total all funds	\$1,245,000	\$2,536,110
14	Less estimated income	<u>265,000</u>	<u>2,200,110</u>
15	Total general fund	\$980,000	\$336,000

16 The 2015-17 one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the  
17 2017-19 biennium. The state department of health shall report to the appropriations committees  
18 of the sixty-fifth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium  
19 beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

20       **SECTION 3. ENVIRONMENT AND RANGELAND PROTECTION FUND.** The estimated  
21 income line item included in section 1 of this Act includes \$250,000, or so much of the sum as  
22 may be necessary, to be made available to the state department of health from the environment  
23 and rangeland protection fund, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30,  
24 2017. This amount includes \$50,000 for a grant to the North Dakota stockmen's association  
25 environmental services program.

26       **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-29.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
27 amended and reenacted as follows:

28       **43-29.1-03. Veterinarian selection criteria - Eligibility for loan repayment.**

29       1. In establishing the criteria regarding eligibility for loan repayment funds under this  
30 chapter, the state health council shall consider the applicant's:

- 1 a. Training in food animal veterinary medicine, ability, willingness to engage in food
- 2 animal veterinary medicine, and the extent to which such services are needed in
- 3 a selected community;
- 4 b. Commitment to serve in a community that is in need of a veterinarian;
- 5 c. Compatibility with a selected community;
- 6 d. Date of availability for service to the selected community; and
- 7 e. Competence and professional conduct.
- 8 2. An applicant selected to receive loan repayment funds under this chapter ~~must:~~
- 9 a. ~~Have~~Must have graduated from an accredited college of veterinary medicine; ~~and~~
- 10 b. ~~Be~~Must be licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this state; ~~and~~
- 11 c. Must be employed full-time in the private practice of veterinary medicine.
- 12 3. A selected applicant shall contract to provide full-time veterinary medicine services for
- 13 two, three, or four years in one or more selected communities.

14 **SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - GRANTS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH UNITS.** It is  
15 the intent of the sixty-fourth legislative assembly that, of the funds provided for grants to local  
16 public health units in the grants line item in section 1 of this Act, \$250,000 from the general fund  
17 be made available for grants to local public health units serving non-oil-producing counties in  
18 the state during the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

19 **SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - RURAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

20 **GRANT DISTRIBUTION.** It is the intent of the sixty-fourth legislative assembly that, of the sum  
21 of \$7,500,000 provided for rural emergency medical services grants in the grants line item in  
22 section 1 of this Act, at least eighty-five percent be distributed to emergency medical services  
23 providers that do not receive an oil impact grant during the biennium beginning July 1, 2015,  
24 and ending June 30, 2017.

25 **SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA**

26 **FORENSIC PATHOLOGY CENTER.** During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management  
27 shall consider studying the feasibility and desirability of the university of North Dakota acquiring  
28 the building that houses the university of North Dakota forensic pathology center. The legislative  
29 management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation  
30 required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.

1       **SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - WASTE MANAGEMENT.** During the  
2 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying onsite sewage disposal in  
3 the state, including areas of the state lacking environmental programs to address onsite sewage  
4 disposal, lack of uniform standards for disposal, regulation authority, and the impact of onsite  
5 sewage disposal and waste management on industry and the public. The legislative  
6 management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation  
7 required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.