

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1476

Introduced by

Representatives Dalrymple, Nicholas, Huether

Senators Klein, St. Aubyn, Wanzek

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 6-09.13-03 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to agricultural loans; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 6-09.13-03 of the 1997 Supplement to the North
5 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **6-09.13-03. Loans to farmers - Purposes - Eligible uses.**

- 7 1. ~~The Eligible uses for~~ loan moneys received by a farmer under this chapter ~~must be~~
8 ~~used for a farm business.~~ Eligible uses are:
- 9 1. ~~a. Purchase~~ The purchase of real property and equipment.
10 2. ~~b.~~ Expansions.
11 3. ~~c.~~ Working capital.
12 4. ~~d. Purchase~~ The purchase of inventory.
13 e. Investment in initial irrigation projects.
14 f. The purchase of equity shares in value-added agricultural enterprises.
15 2. The moneys cannot be used to refinance any existing debt.

16 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in
17 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000, or so
18 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the agriculture partnership in assisting community
19 expansion fund established by section 6-09.13-04 for the purpose of buying down interest on
20 loans to first-time investors so they may extend or vertically integrate their farm enterprises
21 beyond traditional agriculture, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30,
22 2001. The loan proceeds may be used for the purposes set forth in section 1 of this Act or for
23 the purchase, by any farmer, of equity in value-added processing facilities for the purpose of

1 constructing or expanding processing capacity. The Bank of North Dakota shall determine the
2 criteria for loans under this section.

3 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in
4 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$75,000, or so
5 much of the sum as may be necessary, to North Dakota state university for the purpose of
6 developing, in conjunction with the high-value irrigated task force, a strategic plan for irrigation
7 development that includes strategies for financing the purchase of equipment by first-time
8 irrigators, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.

9 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION.** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in
10 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$50,000, or so
11 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the agricultural experiment station for the purpose of
12 studying the development and use of premium standards in the promotion of North Dakota
13 agricultural products, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001. The
14 agricultural experiment station shall seek the participation of agricultural commodity groups in
15 developing premium standards and in optimizing their use.