PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1517

Page 1, line 1, after "57-02-01" insert "and subdivision a of subsection 15 of section 57-02-08"

Page 1, line 3, after "purposes" insert "and property exempt from taxation"

Page 1, line 11, after the period insert "Agricultural property includes land on which a greenhouse or other building is located if the land is used for a nursery or other purpose associated with the operation of the greenhouse."

Page 2, replace lines 3 through 12 with:

"**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision a of subsection 15 of section 57-02-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- a. All farm structures and improvements located on agricultural lands.
 - (1) This subsection must be construed to exempt farm buildings and improvements only, and may not be construed to exempt from taxation industrial plants, or structures of any kind not used or intended for use as a part of a farm plant, or as a farm residence.
 - (2) "Farm buildings and improvements" includes a greenhouse or other building used primarily for the growing of horticultural or nursery products from seed, cuttings, or roots, if not used on more than an occasional basis for a showroom for the retail sale of horticultural or nursery products. A greenhouse or building used primarily for display and sale of grown horticultural or nursery products is not a farm building or improvement.
 - (3) Any structure or improvement used primarily in connection with a retail or wholesale business other than farming, any structure or improvement located on platted land within the corporate limits of a city, or any structure or improvement located on railroad operating property subject to assessment under chapter 57-05 is not exempt under this subsection. For purposes of this paragraph, "business other than farming" includes processing to produce a value-added physical or chemical change in an agricultural commodity beyond the ordinary handling of that commodity by a farmer prior to sale.
 - (3) (4) The following factors may not be considered in application of the exemption under this subsection:
 - (a) Whether the farmer grows or purchases feed for animals raised on the farm.
 - (b) Whether animals being raised on the farm are owned by the farmer.
 - (c) Whether the farm's replacement animals are produced on the farm.

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