

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1134

Introduced by

Representative S. Meyer

Senator Bowman

(At the request of the Agriculture Commissioner)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 36-24 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to meat inspection penalties; to amend and reenact section 36-24-16 of
3 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to licensing meat processors; and to provide a penalty.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 36-24 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Civil penalty.** A person who violates a provision of this chapter or rules adopted under
8 this chapter is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars for each violation.
9 The civil penalty may be imposed by a court in a civil proceeding or by the agriculture
10 commissioner through an adjudicative proceeding under chapter 28-32. Assessing a civil
11 penalty does not preclude the imposition of other sanctions authorized by law, this chapter, or
12 rules adopted under this chapter.

13 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 36-24-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is
14 amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **36-24-16. ~~Registration of business~~ License required - Fees.**

16 1. A person may not engage in intrastate business as a meat broker, renderer, or
17 animal food manufacturer; a wholesaler of animal carcasses, carcass parts or
18 products of carcasses, intended for human food or other purposes; a public
19 warehouse operator storing carcasses or parts of carcasses of animals in or for
20 intrastate commerce; or a buyer, seller, or transporter of dead, dying, disabled, or
21 diseased animals, or parts of the carcasses of animals that died other than by
22 slaughter, unless the person first provides the commissioner with the person's
23 name, the address of each place of business under which the person conducts
24 business, and all trade names under which the person conducts business obtains

- 1 a license from the commissioner. The license or a copy of the license must be in
- 2 public view at each facility operated by the licensee. The license expires on
- 3 June thirtieth of each year.
- 4 2. The commissioner, in accordance with chapter 28-32, may revoke a license if the
- 5 licensee fails to comply with this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter.
- 6 3. An applicant for a license under this chapter must file a written application on a
- 7 form prescribed by the commissioner and must include the applicable license fee.
- 8 4. The annual license fee for an official establishment is twenty dollars and the fee for
- 9 a custom exempt establishment is ten dollars.