Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1112

Introduced by

Agriculture Committee

(At the request of the Agriculture Commissioner)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 36-24-26 of the North Dakota Century Code,

2 relating to penalties for violating meat inspection laws; and to provide a penalty.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 36-24-26 of the North Dakota Century Code is 5 amended and reenacted as follows:

36-24-26. General penalty <u>Penalties</u>. Violation of this chapter or a rule adopted under
this chapter is a class A misdemeanor. The commissioner is not required to report for

8 prosecution or for the institution of injunctive proceedings a minor violation of this chapter if the

9 commissioner believes that the public interest will be adequately served by a suitable written

- 10 warning.
- <u>A person who violates a provision of this chapter or a rule adopted under this</u>
 chapter is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
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 2. A person who violates a provision of this chapter or a rule adopted under this

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 chapter is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars for each
- violation. The civil penalty may be imposed by a court or by the agriculture
 commissioner in an administrative proceeding.
- Imposing a penalty allowed in subsection 1 or 2 does not preclude the
 commissioner from seeking to impose other sanctions or from seeking other
 remedies for violation of this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter.