

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative D. Johnson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 4-28-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 or in the alternative to amend and reenact section 4.1-13-15 of the North Dakota Century Code,
3 relating to the wheat assessment; to provide an effective date; and to declare an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-28-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **4-28-07.1. (Effective after June 30, 2009) Wheat tax levy.**

- 8 1. a. A tax of ~~twelve~~ fifteen mills per bushel [35.24 liters] by weight must be levied
9 and imposed upon all wheat grown in this state, delivered into this state, or
10 sold through commercial channels to a first purchaser in this state.
- 11 b. The tax must be levied and assessed at the time of sale and deducted by the
12 purchaser from the price paid, or in the case of a lien, pledge, or mortgage,
13 deducted from the proceeds of the loan or claim secured, subject to
14 adjustment at the time of settlement in the event the number of bushels [liters]
15 is not accurately determined at the time of the lien, pledge, or mortgage.
- 16 c. At the time of sale, the first purchaser in this state shall issue and deliver to
17 the producer or seller a record of the transaction in the manner prescribed by
18 the commission.
- 19 2. a. Any producer who sells wheat to a first purchaser in this state and who is
20 subject to the deduction provided for in this chapter, within sixty days following
21 the deduction or final settlement, may make application by personal letter to
22 the wheat commission for a refund application blank.

- 1 b. Upon the return of the blank, properly executed by the producer,
2 accompanied by a record of the deduction by the purchaser, the producer
3 must be refunded the net amount of the deduction collected.
- 4 c. If no request for refund has been made within the period prescribed in this
5 subsection, the producer is presumed to have agreed to the deduction. A
6 producer that, for any reason, has paid the tax more than once on the same
7 wheat, upon furnishing proof of that payment to the commission, is entitled to
8 a refund of the overpayment.

9 3. To inform the producer, the commission shall develop and disseminate information
10 and instructions relating to the purpose of the wheat tax and manner in which
11 refunds may be claimed and to this extent shall cooperate with state and federal
12 agencies and private businesses engaged in the purchase of wheat.

13 4. The commission shall expend an amount at least equal to that raised by two mills
14 of the levy provided for in this section to contract for activities related to domestic
15 wheat policy issues, wheat production, promotion, and sales. The contracts may
16 be with no more than two trade associations that are incorporated in this state and
17 which have as their primary purpose the representation of wheat producers. The
18 contracts must require that any trade association receiving money under this
19 section pay from the money all dues required as a condition of the trade
20 association's membership in any national trade association. The contracts also
21 must prohibit any trade association receiving money under this section from
22 eliminating any dues required as a condition of membership in that trade
23 association or from reducing such dues below the amount required for membership
24 as of January 1, 2005.

25 5. When the wheat commission presents the report required by section 4-24-10, the
26 commission shall present a separate report detailing the nature and extent of the
27 commission's efforts to address trade and domestic policy issues. The
28 commission may invite other entities with which it has contracted to assist in the
29 presentations.

30 6. At the time the wheat commission presents the report required by section 4-24-10,
31 each trade association with which the wheat commission has contracted under

1 subsection 4 also shall present a report detailing all activities in which the trade
2 association engaged under the provisions of the contract.

3 **4.1-13-15. Assessment.** An assessment at the rate of ~~twelve~~ fifteen mills per bushel
4 [35.24 liters] by weight is imposed upon:

- 5 1. All wheat grown in this state, at the time of its sale;
6 2. All wheat delivered into this state, at the time of its sale; and
7 3. All wheat sold through commercial channels to a first purchaser in this state.

8 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

9 **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.