

March 4, 2009

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1496

Page 1, line 1, after "study" insert "; to create and enact a new section to title 36 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an equine assessment; to provide an appropriation" and replace the third "an" with "a continuing"

Page 1, after line 23, insert:

"SECTION 2. A new section to title 36 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Assessment - Continuing appropriation - Provision of grants. For each equine processed at an equine processing facility in this state, the owner of the facility shall submit to the agriculture commissioner, at the time and in the manner directed by the commissioner, an assessment in the amount of ten dollars. The commissioner shall forward the assessment to the state treasurer for deposit in the equine processing fund. All moneys in the equine processing fund are appropriated on a continuing basis to the agriculture commissioner to be used as follows:

1. The agriculture commissioner shall return to the funding source, whether that be the state general fund or to any other special fund in the state treasury, an amount equal to that appropriated for the feasibility study under section 3 of this Act.
2. Upon completion of the requirement set forth in subsection 1, the commissioner shall:
 - a. Provide an annual grant equaling forty percent of any assessments collected to Dickinson state university in support of the equine management program;
 - b. Provide an annual grant equaling forty percent of any assessments collected to North Dakota state university in support of the equine studies program; and
 - c. Provide an annual grant equaling twenty percent of any assessments collected to public or private entities conducting equine research or offering hippotherapy to individuals with disabilities."

Renumber accordingly