Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

Introduced by

(At the request of the Public Service Commission)

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 60-02-09.1 and 60-20.1-14, and subsection 4
- 2 of section 60-02.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to public grain warehouse
- 3 and facility-based grain buyer credit-sale contract transfers, and the definition of facility-based
- 4 grain buyer.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 60-02-19.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
- 60-02-19.1. Credit-sale contracts. A warehouseman shall not purchase grain by a credit-sale contract except as provided in this section. All credit-sale contracts must be in writing and must be consecutively numbered at the time of printing the contract. The warehouseman shall maintain an accurate record of all credit-sale contract numbers including the disposition of each numbered form, whether by execution, destruction, or otherwise. Each
- 13 credit-sale contract must contain or provide for all of the following:
- 14 1. The seller's name and address.
- 15 2. The conditions of delivery.
- 16 3. The amount and kind of grain delivered.
- 17 4. The price per unit or basis of value.
- 18 5. The date payment is to be made.
- 19 6. The duration of the credit-sale contract.
- 7. Notice in a clear and prominent manner that the sale is not protected by the bond coverage provided for in section 60-02-09, however, if the warehouseman has obtained bond coverage in addition to that required by section 60-02-09 and such coverage extends to the benefit of credit-sale contracts, the warehouseman may state the same in the credit-sale contract along with the extent of such coverage.

- 1 The contract must be signed by both parties and executed in duplicate. One copy shall be
- 2 retained by the warehouseman and one copy shall be delivered to the seller. Upon revocation,
- 3 termination, or cancellation of a warehouseman's license, the payment date for all credit-sale
- 4 contracts shall, at the seller's option, be advanced to a date not later than thirty days after the
- 5 effective date of the revocation, termination, or cancellation, and the purchase price for all
- 6 unpriced grain shall be determined as of the effective date of revocation, termination, or
- 7 cancellation in accordance with all other provisions of the contract. However, if the license of
- 8 the warehouseman is transferred to another licensed warehouseman, credit-sale contracts may
- 9 be assigned to the transferee When a public warehouse is transferred under this chapter,
- 10 <u>credit-sale contracts may b be assigned to another licensed public warehouseman or</u>
- 11 <u>facility-based grain buyer</u>.
- SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 60-02.1-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
- **60-02.1-14. Credit-sale contracts.** A grain buyer may not purchase grain by a
- 15 credit-sale contract except as provided in this section. All credit-sale contracts must be in
- 16 writing and must be consecutively numbered at the time of printing the contract. The grain
- 17 buyer shall maintain an accurate record of all credit-sale contract numbers including the
- 18 disposition of each numbered form, whether by execution, destruction, or otherwise. Each
- 19 credit-sale contract must contain or provide for all of the following:
- The seller's name and address.
- 2. The conditions of delivery.
- 22 3. The amount and kind of grain delivered.
- 23 4. The price per unit or basis of value.
- 5. The date payment is to be made.
- 25 6. The duration of the credit-sale contract.
- 7. Notice in a clear and prominent manner that the sale is not protected by the bond coverage provided for in section 60-02.1-08. However, if the grain buyer has
- 28 obtained bond coverage in addition to that required by section 60-02.1-08 and the
- 29 coverage extends to the benefit of credit-sale contracts, the grain buyer may state
- that fact in the credit-sale contract along with the extent of such coverage.

- 1 The contract must be signed by both parties and executed in duplicate. One copy must be
- 2 retained by the grain buyer and one copy must be delivered to the seller. Upon revocation,
- 3 termination, or cancellation of a grain buyer's license, the payment date for all credit-sale
- 4 contracts, at the seller's option, must be advanced to a date not later than thirty days after the
- 5 effective date of the revocation, termination, or cancellation, and the purchase price for all
- 6 unpriced grain must be determined as of the effective date of revocation, termination, or
- 7 cancellation in accordance with all other provisions of the contract. However, if the license of
- 8 the grain buyer is transferred to another grain buyer or licensed warehouseman, credit-sale
- 9 contracts, if so agreed by the seller and transferee, may be assigned to the transferee When a
- 10 <u>facility is transferred under this chapter, credit-sale contracts may be assigned to another</u>
- 11 licensed facility-based grain buyer or public warehouseman.
- 12 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 60-02.1-01 of the North Dakota
- 13 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
- 4. "Facility-based grain buyer" means a grain buyer who operates a facility licensed
- under the United States Warehouse Act [7.U.S.C.241-273] where grain is received.