

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Froelich

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 36 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to the creation of a state equine crematorium; and to provide a continuing
3 appropriation.

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

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

7 **Equine crematorium - Establishment.**

- 8 1. The agriculture commissioner shall establish and operate an equine crematorium.
9 The crematorium must be equipped with propane-fueled, state-of-the-art
10 technology and utilize a secondary burn chamber that is designated to eliminate all
11 odor and smoke.
12 2. The commissioner shall accept for cremation any equine delivered to the facility. If
13 the equine is not deceased and if the owner has not selected a veterinarian and
14 scheduled euthanasia, the commissioner shall contract with a veterinarian for the
15 provision of euthanasia services.
16 3. The commissioner shall dispose of any cremains unless the owner requests and
17 makes arrangements for their return.

18 **Equine euthanasia and cremation - Fees.** The commissioner shall establish and
19 charge known owners a fee for the services rendered under this chapter. The fee may not
20 exceed the actual cost of providing the services. The commissioner shall forward any fees
21 collected under this section to the state treasurer for deposit in the equine crematorium fund.

22 **Equine crematorium - Dissemination of information.** The commissioner shall
23 develop and disseminate information regarding the equine crematorium and encourage equine

1 owners to use the facility rather than abandon their equines or engage in other cruel and
2 inhumane treatment in violation of chapter 36-21.1.

3 **Gifts - Grants - Donations.** The commissioner may accept gifts, grants, and donations
4 of money, property, and services to carry out this chapter. The commissioner shall forward any
5 moneys received under this section to the state treasurer for deposit in the equine crematorium
6 fund.

7 **Continuing appropriation.** All moneys in the equine crematorium fund are
8 appropriated on a continuing basis to the commissioner to carry out this chapter.