

Sixty-second  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2134**

Introduced by

Senators Erbele, Christmann, Wanzek

Representatives S. Meyer, Pollert, Heller

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 4.1-08-02, 4.1-08-06, and 4.1-08-07 of the  
2 North Dakota Century Code, relating to the assessment on colonies of honeybees; to provide  
3 an appropriation; to provide for a transfer; and to provide an expiration date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 4.1-08-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **4.1-08-02. Assessment.**

8 An annual assessment in the amount of ~~five~~ten cents is imposed on each colony of  
9 honeybees licensed by the beekeeper. The minimum annual assessment is one dollar.

10 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 4.1-08-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
11 amended and reenacted as follows:

12 **4.1-08-06. Assessment - Authorized expenditures.**

13 The assessment required by this chapter may be used to fund research, including efforts  
14 that focus on honeybee colony health; education programs; and market development efforts,  
15 as well as promotional efforts such as the North Dakota honey queen program.

16 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 4.1-08-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
17 amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **4.1-08-07. Commissioner - Powers.**

19 The commissioner may:

- 20 1. Expend moneys appropriated under this chapter for the purposes set forth in section  
21 4.1-08-06, provided the commissioner first consults with ~~a committee appointed by the~~  
22 board of directors of the North Dakota beekeepers' association; and  
23 2. Do all things necessary and proper to enforce and administer this chapter.

24 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - TRANSFER.**

- 1        1.    There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not  
2            otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000, or so much of the sum as may be  
3            necessary, to the agriculture commissioner for the purpose of providing grants to  
4            public or private entities engaging in research efforts focusing on honeybee colony  
5            health, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013.
- 6        2.    Before the agriculture commissioner may award a grant under this section, the  
7            commissioner shall obtain the consent of the board of directors of the North Dakota  
8            beekeepers' association under section 4.1-08-07.
- 9        3.    The agriculture commissioner may expend no more than fifty percent of the amount  
10           appropriated by this section during the first year of the 2011-13 biennium.
- 11       4.    Notwithstanding section 54-44.1-11, at the end of the 2011-13 biennium, the  
12           agriculture commissioner shall transfer any unexpended and unobligated amount  
13           appropriated by this section to the honey fund.

14       **SECTION 5. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through June 30, 2015, and after that  
15       date is ineffective.