

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