

Sixty-second  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1244**

Introduced by

Representative M. Nelson

1 A BILL ~~for an Act to amend and reenact section 36-24-08 of the North Dakota Century Code,~~  
2 ~~relating to rules governing the preparation of equine carcasses.~~ for an Act to create and enact a  
3 new section to chapter 4-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to equine carcasses.

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

5 **~~SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.~~** ~~Section 36-24-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~  
6 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

7 ~~— **36-24-08. Horse meat – Requirements.**~~

8 ~~— A person may not sell, transport, offer for sale or transportation, or receive for transportation~~  
9 ~~in intrastate commerce whole carcasses or parts of carcasses of horses, mules, or other~~  
10 ~~equines or meat food products derived from them, unless they are plainly and conspicuously~~  
11 ~~marked, labeled, or otherwise identified to show the kinds of animals from which they were~~  
12 ~~derived. The commissioner by rule may require that the preparation of whole equine carcasses,~~  
13 ~~parts of equine carcasses, and equine meat food products take place in establishments~~  
14 ~~separate from those in which cattle, sheep, swine, or goats are slaughtered or in which their~~  
15 ~~carcasses, parts of their carcasses, or meat food products are prepared.~~

16 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 4-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
17 and enacted as follows:

18 **Equine slaughter - Establishments.**

19 The agriculture commissioner shall monitor federal statutory and regulatory actions related  
20 to the slaughter of horses, mules, and other equines, and in particular, those actions pertaining  
21 to the establishments in which the slaughter and preparation of the carcasses may take place.  
22 The agriculture commissioner may pursue or support federal legislative, regulatory, or  
23 contractual avenues that would allow for the slaughter and processing of horses, mules, and  
24 other equines in this state, without the restriction that the slaughter or product preparation be

- 1 | conducted in establishments separate from any in which cattle, sheep, swine, or goats are
- 2 | slaughtered or their products are prepared.