LIVESTOCK

CHAPTER 252

SENATE BILL NO. 2128

(Senators Bowman, Erbele) (Representatives Kempenich, S. Meyer)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 36-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to reimbursement for losses during official livestock disease testing required by the state veterinarian; to provide an appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 36-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Disease testing of livestock - Reimbursement for loss.

- 1. A livestock owner may file a claim with the state board of animal health seeking partial reimbursement for the value of any livestock that died as a direct result of official disease testing required by the state veterinarian and conducted on the owner's herd or flock by the state veterinarian or the state veterinarian's designee on or after July 1, 2011.
- The board shall evaluate each claim in the order of filing. If the board determines that a claim is meritorious, the board shall provide reimbursement to the owner in an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars per animal. A decision by the board regarding the animal's cause of death or the amount of reimbursement is final.
- 3. After expending all biennial appropriations for the provision of reimbursements under this section, the board may not accept any additional claims.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$4,900, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state board of animal health for the purpose of providing reimbursement for losses incurred as a result of official disease testing of livestock, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013. Any moneys that remain unexpended under this section are not subject to cancellation in accordance with section 54-44.1-11.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

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