

HOUSE BILL NO. 1100

Introduced by

Industry, Business and Labor Committee

(At the request of the Bank of North Dakota)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 6-09.9-02, subsection 1 of
2 section 6-09.11-06, and subsection 1 of section 6-09.13-02 of the North Dakota Century Code,
3 relating to definitions for the family farm survival act, loan restrictions for financial assistance for
4 family farmers, and interest rates of loans for the agriculture partnership in assisting community
5 expansion program.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 6-09.9-02 of the North Dakota
8 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 1. "Farmer" means a resident of this state who owns or operates an existing farm or
10 ranch operation, and has a debt-to-asset ratio of fifty percent or greater or a net
11 worth of less than three hundred thousand. The industrial commission may adopt
12 additional eligibility criteria in determining who is a farmer eligible for loans under
13 this chapter.

14 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 6-09.11-06 of the North Dakota
15 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

16 1. A loan under this chapter may not be greater than the lesser of ~~one~~ two hundred
17 fifty thousand dollars or ninety percent of the appraised value of the security given
18 for the loan, with the actual percentage to be determined by the Bank of North
19 Dakota. The Bank may do all things and acts, may require such security, and may
20 establish additional terms and conditions as is determined necessary to purchase a
21 participation interest in a loan under this chapter.

22 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 6-09.13-02 of the North Dakota
23 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

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- 1 1. The Bank of North Dakota may make available an appropriate amount of funds to
- 2 purchase participation interests in loans made by financial institutions for the
- 3 purposes as set forth in section 6-09.13-03. ~~Interest charged by the lenders must~~
- 4 ~~be set by the financial institution and matched by the Bank of North Dakota. The~~
- 5 ~~rate may be fixed or variable.~~