

Sixtieth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1215

Introduced by

Representatives Froelich, Herbel, Kempenich

Senators Erbele, Taylor

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 61-34-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to drought livestock water assistance program maximum payments.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-34-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **61-34-04. Eligibility - Application for assistance.** Applicants with livestock water  
7 supply problems caused by drought may apply for assistance from the program. An applicant  
8 must first apply for water cost-share assistance from the ~~agriculture stabilization and~~  
9 ~~conservation service~~ farm service agency. If cost-share assistance is denied by the service,  
10 the applicant may forward the application to the commission for consideration. An application  
11 forwarded to the commission must include a document from the agriculture stabilization and  
12 conservation service stating the reason for denial of cost-share assistance. The state engineer  
13 shall review all applications received by the commission. If the state engineer approves an  
14 application, the applicant may receive up to fifty percent of the cost ~~of the project~~, but in no  
15 event more than three thousand five hundred dollars per project with a limit of three projects  
16 per applicant. The state engineer shall provide funds for approved applications in accordance  
17 with rules and criteria for eligibility and only to the extent that funding is available. A drought  
18 livestock water assistance program project located on Indian land is eligible for the program.