

FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Senate Amendments

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1286

Introduced by

Representative DeKrey

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 3 and 6 of section 61-04-01.1 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to the definitions of domestic use and irrigation use.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 3 and 6 of section 61-04-01.1 of the North  
5 Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

6 3. "Domestic use" means the use of water by an individual, or by a family unit, or  
7 household, for personal needs and for household purposes, including, ~~but not~~  
8 ~~limited to~~ heating, drinking, washing, sanitary, and culinary uses; irrigation of land  
9 not exceeding ~~one acre~~ ~~[.40 hectare]~~ five acres [2.0 hectares] in area for  
10 noncommercial gardens, orchards, lawns, trees, or shrubbery; and for household  
11 pets and domestic animals kept for household sustenance and not for sale or  
12 commercial use, when the water is supplied by the individual or family unit. Also  
13 included within this use are "domestic rural uses" which must be defined by the  
14 state engineer by rule.

15 6. "Irrigation use" means the use of water for application to more than ~~one acre~~  
16 ~~[.40 hectare]~~ five acres [2.0 hectares] of land to stimulate the growth of agricultural  
17 crops, including gardens, orchards, lawns, trees, or shrubbery, or the maintenance  
18 of recreation areas such as athletic fields, golf courses, parks, and similar types of  
19 areas, except when the water for the facility is provided by a municipal water  
20 system.