

HOUSE BILL NO. 1054

Introduced by

Agriculture Committee

(At the request of the Agriculture Commissioner)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 2 and 3 of section 4.1-14-01 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to forage certification; and to declare an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 2 and 3 of section 4.1-14-01 of the North Dakota
5 Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

- 6 2. Upon receiving the request, the agriculture commissioner shall:
- 7 a. Inspect the forage acreage within ten days before harvest to verify that weeds
8 prohibited according to the standards of the North American weed management
9 association are not present and producing viable seeds; and
- 10 b. (1) Ascertain that the scheduled harvest has occurred;
11 (2) Determine the number of bales for which certification tags or
12 department-approved twine, or both, must be issued; and
13 (3) Verify that the baled forage is stored or will be stored only in an area where
14 weeds prohibited according to the standards of the North American weed
15 management association are not present and producing viable seeds.
- 16 3. If the agriculture commissioner determines that the conditions of subsection 2 have
17 been met, the commissioner shall either issue and affix or cause to be affixed on each
18 bale of forage one dated certification tag or authorize the use of department-approved
19 twine to bale the forage.

20 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.