Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017

SENATE BILL NO. 2236
(Senators Unruh, Armstrong, Oban)
(Representatives D. Anderson, Kempenich, Schatz)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 04-01-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the pipeline restoration and reclamation oversight program and records of program participants.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 04-01-31 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-01-31. Pipeline restoration and reclamation oversight ~~pilot~~ program - Generally.

1. The agriculture commissioner shall establish a ~~pilot~~ program ~~that shall~~to provide technical assistance and support to surface owners and surface tenants on pipeline restoration and followup support to surface owners and surface tenants on pipeline reclamation.

2. The agriculture commissioner may contract for ombudsmen for the purposes of being a resource for technical assistance and followup on pipeline issues. The ombudsmen may not investigate or assist with any pipeline installed before January 1, 2006, or regulated by the public service commission under title 49, and may not assist in easement negotiations.

3. The ~~pilot~~ program may provide technical education, support, and outreach on pipeline-related matters in coordination with other entities.

4. The agriculture commissioner may contract with local individuals, deemed trustworthy by the surface owners and surface tenants, to be ombudsmen. The agriculture commissioner is not subject to the provisions of chapter 54-44.4 when contracting for the services of ombudsmen.

5. The names of surface owners and surface tenants who receive assistance under the program are exempt records as defined under section 44-04-17.1.

President of the Senate	Speaker of the House
Secretary of the Senate	Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2236.

Senate Vote:	Yeas 45	Nays 1	Absent 1
House Vote:	Yeas 80	Nays 11	Absent 3

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____M. on _____, 2017.

Approved at _____M. on _____, 2017.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____day of _____, 2017,

at _____ o'clock _____M.

Secretary of State