

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1201

(Representatives Brandenburg, Grueneich, Hagert, Headland, Mitskog, Warrey, Schreiber-Beck)  
(Senators Erbele, Luick, Weber, Wanzek)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 61-04-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a limitation on the amount of water not applied to beneficial use.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-04-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**61-04-03.1. Limitation on amount of water.**

An applicant may not apply for a permit or permits for irrigation which, if approved, would enable a person, at any one time, to hold a conditional water permit or permits for more than seven hundred twenty acre-feet [888106.75 cubic meters] of water from a single surface or ground water source that has not been applied to beneficial use. Applications submitted in violation of this section may not be assigned a priority date and must be returned to the applicant by the department of water resources. This section may not apply to water permit applications from the Missouri River or to applications submitted by irrigation districts organized pursuant to this title. For the purposes of this section, "person", when applied to an individual, means the individual and the individual's spouse and dependents within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code [26 U.S.C. 152].

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1201.

House Vote:    Yeas 93            Nays 0            Absent 0

Senate Vote:    Yeas 44            Nays 1            Absent 2

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State