

HOUSE BILL NO. 1425

Introduced by

Representatives Boehm, Huether, Nicholas

Senators Krauter, Tallackson, Wanzek

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a state dairy board and regional dairy diagnostic teams; and to
2 provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. State dairy board - Members - Terms.**

5 1. The state dairy board consists of seven members. The governor shall appoint one
6 dairy producer; the agriculture commissioner shall appoint one dairy producer and
7 one processor of milk and milk products; the board of animal health shall appoint
8 one dairy producer; the milk producers association of North Dakota shall appoint
9 one individual; the American dairy association of North Dakota shall appoint one
10 individual; and the agricultural extension service shall appoint one individual.

11 2. The terms of the members must be staggered by lot so that two terms expire on
12 June 30, 2000, two terms expire on June 30, 2001, and three terms expire on
13 June 30, 2002. Thereafter, the terms of all appointed members must be for three
14 years. No member other than the appointee of the agricultural extension service
15 may serve for more than two consecutive three-year terms. If a vacancy occurs,
16 the position must be filled for the duration of the term in the same manner as the
17 original appointment.

18 3. The agriculture commissioner shall call the initial meeting of the board. At that
19 initial meeting and annually, the board shall select a chairman, a vice chairman,
20 and a secretary from among its members. The board shall meet at least twice
21 each year, at the call of the chairman.

22 **SECTION 2. State dairy board - Duties.** The state dairy board shall advise the
23 agriculture commissioner on all matters regarding the dairy industry in this state, including the
24 development and implementation of any rules relating to the dairy industry.

1 **SECTION 3. Dairy diagnostic teams.** The state dairy board shall appoint regional
2 dairy diagnostic teams consisting of agricultural business management professionals, dairy
3 extension specialists, and dairy industry partners such as nutrition specialists, reproductive
4 specialists, and animal health specialists. At the request of a dairy producer, a dairy diagnostic
5 team shall conduct a site visit, offer the dairy producer educational and technological
6 assistance, and develop a strategic plan to enhance the producer's productivity and profitability.

7 **SECTION 4. Grants and contributions - Acceptance.** The agriculture commissioner,
8 on behalf of the state dairy board, may accept and expend moneys from any public or private
9 source for the purposes of this Act.

10 **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION.** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in
11 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$200,000, or so
12 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the agriculture commissioner for the purpose of
13 defraying the expenses of dairy diagnostic teams, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and
14 ending June 30, 2001.