

Fifty-eighth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1486

Introduced by

Representatives Nicholas, Boucher, Monson

Senators Robinson, Tallackson, Urlacher

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 4-28-07 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to uses for the wheat tax levy.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-28-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **4-28-07. Wheat tax levy.**

- 7 1. a. A tax of ~~ten~~ fifteen mills per bushel [35.24 liters] by weight must be levied and  
8 imposed upon all wheat grown in this state, delivered into this state, or sold  
9 through commercial channels to a first purchaser in this state.
- 10 b. The tax must be levied and assessed at the time of sale and deducted by the  
11 purchaser from the price paid, or in the case of a lien, pledge, or mortgage,  
12 deducted from the proceeds of the loan or claim secured, subject to  
13 adjustment at the time of settlement in the event the number of bushels [liters]  
14 is not accurately determined at the time of the lien, pledge, or mortgage.
- 15 c. At the time of sale, the first purchaser in this state shall issue and deliver to  
16 the producer or seller a record of the transaction in the manner prescribed by  
17 the commission.
- 18 2. a. Any producer who sells wheat to a first purchaser in this state and who is  
19 subject to the deduction provided in this chapter, within sixty days following  
20 the deduction or final settlement, may make application by personal letter to  
21 the wheat commission for a refund application blank.
- 22 b. Upon the return of the blank, properly executed by the producer,  
23 accompanied by a record of the deduction by the purchaser, the producer  
24 must be refunded the net amount of the deduction collected.

- 1           c.    If no request for refund has been made within the period prescribed above,  
2                    then the producer is presumed to have agreed to the deduction.  However, a  
3                    producer, for any reason, having paid the tax more than once on the same  
4                    wheat, upon furnishing proof of this to the commission, is entitled to a refund  
5                    of the overpayment.
- 6           3.    The commission, to inform the producer, shall develop and disseminate  
7                    information and instructions relating to the purpose of the wheat tax and manner in  
8                    which refunds may be claimed and to this extent shall cooperate with  
9                    governmental agencies, state and federal, and private businesses engaged in the  
10                  purchase of wheat.
- 11          4.    The commission may use the amount raised by two mills of the ~~ten mill~~ levy  
12                  provided for in this section to support the commission's involvement in trade issues  
13                  throughout the world.
- 14          5.    The commission shall use the amount raised by four mills of the levy provided for  
15                  in this section solely for the purposes of contracting for market maintenance and  
16                  development services, utilization research, transportation research, education, and  
17                  other related activities, with no more than two trade associations that are  
18                  incorporated in this state and which have as their primary purpose the  
19                  representation of wheat producers.