

HOUSE BILL NO. 1215

Introduced by

Representatives Froelich, Herbel, Kempenich

Senators Erbele, Taylor

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 61-34-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to drought livestock water assistance program applications and maximum payments.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-34-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **61-34-04. Eligibility - Application for assistance.** Applicants with livestock water
7 supply problems caused by drought may apply for assistance from the program. ~~An applicant~~
8 ~~must first apply for water cost share assistance from the agriculture stabilization and~~
9 ~~conservation service. If cost share assistance is denied by the service, the applicant may~~
10 ~~forward the application to the commission for consideration. An application forwarded to the~~
11 ~~commission must include a document from the agriculture stabilization and conservation~~
12 ~~service stating the reason for denial of cost share assistance.~~ The state engineer shall review
13 all applications received by the commission. If the state engineer approves an application, the
14 applicant may receive up to ~~fifty~~ sixty-five percent of the cost ~~of the project~~, but in no event
15 more than ~~three~~ four thousand five hundred dollars per project with a limit of three projects per
16 application. The state engineer shall provide funds for approved applications in accordance
17 with rules and criteria for eligibility and only to the extent that funding is available.