

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1326
(Representatives Berg, Brandenburg, Froelich, D. Johnson)
(Senators Taylor, Wanzek)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 36-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to requested certification by livestock producers and processors; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 36-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

State board of animal health - Certification of livestock - Fees - Continuing appropriation.

1.
 - a. At the request of a livestock producer, the board shall provide inspection and verification services for the purpose of certifying that livestock have been or are being raised according to standards and protocols articulated by the producer.
 - b. At the request of a livestock processor, the board shall provide inspection and verification services for the purpose of certifying that the meat products and manner of processing meet or exceed standards, descriptions, or specifications articulated by the processor.
 - c. The board shall determine the nature and scope of the inspection and verification services necessary to provide the certification requested under this subsection.
2. The board may establish and charge fees for the requested services. The board shall forward all moneys received under this section to the state treasurer for deposit in the agriculture commissioner's operating fund.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1326.

House Vote: Yeas 91 Nays 0 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State