

HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Froelich

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for the department of commerce to conduct a horse slaughter
2 facility feasibility study; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE STUDY.**

5 1. During the 2009-10 interim, the department of commerce shall conduct a horse
6 slaughter facility feasibility study.

7 2. The feasibility study must:

8 a. Address the cost of constructing a new horse slaughter facility in this state;

9 b. Determine whether any existing structures could be converted to a horse
10 slaughter facility and the cost of converting the structures;

11 c. Determine the nature and scope of existing and potential markets, both
12 domestic and international, for horse meat and other by-products of horse
13 slaughter;

14 d. Review federal laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines regarding horse
15 slaughter and evaluate the potential for amendments and modifications; and

16 e. Examine the potential for obtaining loans, grants, and other incentives in order
17 to further the development of a horse slaughter facility.

18 3. The department of commerce shall report its findings and recommendations,
19 together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the
20 sixty-second legislative assembly.

21 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
22 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000, or so much
23 of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of conducting

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- 1 a horse slaughter facility feasibility study as provided under section 1 of this Act, for the
- 2 biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.