

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1496

Introduced by

Representative Froelich

Senator Miller

- 1 A BILL for an Act to provide for the department of commerce to conduct an equine processing
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 an equine
6 processing facility feasibility study.
- 7 2. The feasibility study must:
- 8 a. Address the cost of constructing a new equine processing facility in this state;
- 9 b. Determine whether any existing structures could be converted to an equine
10 processing 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 equine meat and other byproducts of equine
13 processing;
- 14 d. Review federal laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines regarding equine
15 processing 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 an equine processing 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 an equine processing facility feasibility study as provided under section 1 of this Act, for the
- 2 biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.