

SENATE BILL NO. 2351

Introduced by

Senators Wanzek, Miller, O'Connell

Representatives Headland, D. Johnson, Trottier

1 A BILL ~~for an Act to create and enact section 10-06.1-12.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,~~
2 ~~relating to the ownership or leasing of farm and ranch land by corporations.~~for an Act to provide
3 for a legislative management study of issues relating to the economic health of animal
4 agriculture in North Dakota.

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

6 ~~SECTION 1. Section 10-06.1-12.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and~~
7 ~~enacted as follows:~~

8 ~~10-06.1-12.1. Ownership or leasing of land by corporations - Exceptions.~~

9 ~~Notwithstanding any other law, prohibitions on the ownership or leasing of land used for~~
10 ~~farming or ranching by a corporation or a limited liability company and prohibitions on~~
11 ~~corporations or limited liability companies engaging in the business of farming or ranching do~~
12 ~~not apply to:~~

13 ~~1. Domestic corporations and limited liability companies owning and operating a dairy,~~
14 ~~provided the land owned or leased for that purpose does not exceed six hundred and~~
15 ~~forty acres; or~~

16 ~~2. Domestic corporations and limited liability companies owning and operating a facility~~
17 ~~for the production of swine, provided the land owned or leased for that purpose does~~
18 ~~not exceed six hundred and forty acres.~~

19 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - ECONOMIC HEALTH OF ANIMAL**
20 **AGRICULTURE IN NORTH DAKOTA.** During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management
21 shall consider studying issues relating to the economic health of animal agriculture in North
22 Dakota, including trends in markets and commodity prices and business models and structures.
23 The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any
24 legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.