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Bismarck, April 8, 2019

The House convened at 1:00 p.m., with Speaker Klemin presiding.

The prayer was offered by Pastor Tim Faust, Dovry Lutheran, Osnabrook and Milton Lutheran Church, Milton.

The roll was called and all members were present except Representatives M. Johnson, Mock, O'Brien, and Owens.

A quorum was declared by the Speaker.

**CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

**REP. LOUSER MOVED** that the House do not concur in the Senate amendments to Engrossed HB 1157 as printed on HJ pages 1489-1496, in the Senate amendments to Engrossed HB 1283 as printed on HJ pages 1308-1309, in the Senate amendments to Engrossed HB 1287 as printed on HJ page 1419, in the Senate amendments to Engrossed HB 1346 as printed on HJ pages 1398-1399, in the Senate amendments to Reengrossed HB 1383 as printed on HJ pages 1456-1457, in the Senate amendments to Engrossed HB 1461 as printed on HJ page 1459, and in the Senate amendments to Engrossed HB 1531 as printed on HJ pages 1419-1420 and that a conference committee be appointed to meet with a like committee from the Senate on each of these measures, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

**APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES**

**THE SPEAKER APPOINTED** as a Conference Committee on:

**Engrossed HB 1157:** Reps. Bosch, Louser, M. Nelson.

**Engrossed HB 1283:** Reps. M. Ruby, Devlin, Damschen.

**Engrossed HB 1287:** Reps. Owens, Schreiber-Beck, Guggisberg.

**Engrossed HB 1346:** Reps. Owens, Zubke, Guggisberg.

**Reengrossed HB 1383:** Reps. Schreiber-Beck, Brandenburg, Boe.

**Engrossed HB 1461:** Reps. Schreiber-Beck, Strinden, Hager.

**Engrossed HB 1531:** Reps. Owens, Zubke, Guggisberg.

**APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**REP. LOUSER MOVED** that the Speaker appoint a committee of three to act with a like committee from the Senate as a Conference Committee on SB 2035, SB 2078, Engrossed SB 2186, Engrossed SB 2215, and Engrossed SB 2216, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

**THE SPEAKER APPOINTED** as a Conference Committee on:

**SB 2035:** Reps. Pyle, Hatlestad, Toman

**SB 2078:** Reps. Hatlestad, Magrum, Guggisberg

**Engrossed SB 2186:** Reps. Heinert, Hoverson, Hager

**Engrossed SB 2215:** Reps. Owens, Schreiber-Beck, Hager

**Engrossed SB 2216:** Reps. Owens, Schreiber-Beck, Guggisberg

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**SPEAKER KLEMIN DEEMED** approval of the amendments to Engrossed SB 2019, Engrossed SB 2021, Engrossed SB 2023, Engrossed SB 2261, Engrossed SB 2269, Engrossed SB 2320, and Engrossed SB 2345.

Engrossed SB 2019, Engrossed SB 2021, Engrossed SB 2023, Engrossed SB 2261, Engrossed SB 2269, Engrossed SB 2320, and Engrossed SB 2345, as amended, were placed on the Fourteenth order of business on the calendar.

**MOTION**

**REP. LOUSER MOVED** that SB 2345 be moved to the top of the Fourteenth order, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2345:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 11-33-02.1, 11-33-22, 23-25-11, 23.1-06-15, 58-03-11.1, and 58-03-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to animal feeding operations and zoning regulations; to provide an effective date; to provide a contingent effective date; and to provide an expiration date.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 71 YEAS, 19 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Beadle; Becker; Bellew; Blum; Bosch; Brandenburg; Damschen; Delzer; Devlin; Dockter; Ertelt; Fegley; Fisher; Grueneich; Hatlestad; Headland; Heinert; Hoverson; Howe; Johnson, C.; Johnson, D.; Johnston; Jones; Kading; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; Koppelman, B.; Koppelman, K.; Kreidt; Laning; Lefor; Louser; Marschall; Martinson; McWilliams; Meier; Monson; Nathe; Nelson, J.; Paulson; Pollert; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Roers Jones; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schmidt; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Simons; Skroch; Strinden; Toman; Trottier; Tveit; Vetter; Vigesaa; Weisz; Westlind; Zubke; Speaker Klemin

**NAYS:** Adams; Anderson, P.; Boe; Boschee; Buffalo; Dobervich; Eidson; Guggisberg; Hager; Hanson; Holman; Keiser; Longmuir; Magrum; Mitskog; Nelson, M.; Paur; Schneider; Steiner

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Johnson, M.; Mock; O'Brien; Owens

Engrossed SB 2345, as amended, passed.

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**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2353:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 43-63 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to uniform regulation of occupations and professions; and to provide for a legislative management study.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO NOT PASS, the roll was called and there were 28 YEAS, 62 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, D.; Beadle; Bellew; Boe; Bosch; Boschee; Buffalo; Devlin; Dobervich; Eidson; Guggisberg; Hanson; Hatlestad; Holman; Kempenich; Longmuir; Mitskog; Monson; Nathe; Nelson, J.; Nelson, M.; Pyle; Roers Jones; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Schreiber-Beck; Weisz; Zubke

**NAYS:** Adams; Anderson, B.; Anderson, P.; Becker; Blum; Brandenburg; Damschen; Delzer; Dockter; Ertelt; Fegley; Fisher; Grueneich; Hager; Headland; Heinert; Hoverson; Howe; Johnson, C.; Johnson, D.; Johnston; Jones; Kading; Karls; Kasper; Keiser; Kiefert; Koppelman, B.; Koppelman, K.; Kreidt; Laning; Lefor; Louser; Magrum; Marschall; Martinson; McWilliams; Meier; Paulson; Paur; Pollert; Porter; Richter; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schmidt; Schneider; Schobinger; Simons; Skroch; Steiner; Strinden; Toman; Trottier; Tveit; Vetter; Vigesaa; Westlind; Speaker Klemin

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Johnson, M.; Mock; O'Brien; Owens

Engrossed SB 2353 failed.

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**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2341:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the apprenticeship training program; and to amend and reenact sections 54-60-17 and 54-60-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to apprenticeships and uses of the internship fund.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO NOT PASS, the roll was called and there were 15 YEAS, 75 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, P.; Beadle; Bosch; Boschee; Buffalo; Dobervich; Eidson; Hanson; Hatlestad; Koppelman, B.; Koppelman, K.; McWilliams; Richter; Roers Jones; Toman

**NAYS:** Adams; Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Becker; Bellew; Blum; Boe; Brandenburg; Damschen; Delzer; Devlin; Dockter; Ertelt; Fegley; Fisher; Grueneich; Guggisberg; Hager; Headland; Heinert; Holman; Hoverson; Howe; Johnson, C.; Johnson, D.; Johnston; Jones; Kading; Karls; Kasper; Keiser; Kempenich; Kiefert; Kreidt; Laning; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Magrum; Marschall; Martinson; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Nathe; Nelson, J.; Nelson, M.; Paulson; Paur; Pollert; Porter; Pyle; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schmidt; Schneider; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Simons; Skroch; Steiner; Strinden; Trotter; Tveit; Vetter; Vigesaa; Weisz; Westlind; Zubke; Speaker Klemin

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Johnson, M.; Mock; O'Brien; Owens

Engrossed SB 2341 failed.

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**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2320:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 15-10.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to free speech at institutions under the control of the state board of higher education.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 87 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Adams; Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, P.; Beadle; Becker; Bellew; Blum; Boe; Bosch; Boschee; Brandenburg; Damschen; Delzer; Devlin; Dobervich; Dockter; Eidson; Fegley; Fisher; Grueneich; Guggisberg; Hager; Hanson; Hatlestad; Headland; Heinert; Holman; Hoverson; Howe; Johnson, C.; Johnson, D.; Johnston; Jones; Kading; Karls; Kasper; Keiser; Kempenich; Kiefert; Koppelman, B.; Koppelman, K.; Kreidt; Laning; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Magrum; Marschall; Martinson; McWilliams; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Nathe; Nelson, J.; Nelson, M.; Paulson; Paur; Pollert; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Roers Jones; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schmidt; Schneider; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Simons; Skroch; Steiner; Toman; Trotter; Tveit; Vetter; Vigesaa; Weisz; Westlind; Zubke; Speaker Klemin

**NAYS:** Buffalo; Ertelt; Strinden

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Johnson, M.; Mock; O'Brien; Owens

Engrossed SB 2320, as amended, passed.

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**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2019:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the

parcs and recreation department; to amend and reenact section 55-08-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state parks and recreation concession revolving fund; to provide for a report to the legislative assembly; to provide for a transfer; to provide for an exemption; to authorize conveyance of real property owned by the state of North Dakota; and to declare an emergency.

#### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 61 YEAS, 29 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Adams; Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, P.; Beadle; Blum; Boe; Bosch; Boschee; Brandenburg; Buffalo; Damschen; Dobervich; Dockter; Eidson; Fegley; Grueneich; Hager; Hanson; Hatlestad; Heinert; Holman; Howe; Johnson, C.; Johnson, D.; Jones; Karls; Kasper; Keiser; Kempenich; Koppelman, K.; Kreidt; Laning; Longmuir; Martinson; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Nathe; Nelson, J.; Nelson, M.; Pollert; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Roers Jones; Rohr; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schmidt; Schneider; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Strinden; Tveit; Vigesaa; Weisz; Zubke; Speaker Klemin

**NAYS:** Becker; Bellew; Delzer; Devlin; Ertelt; Fisher; Guggisberg; Headland; Hoverson; Johnston; Kading; Kiefert; Koppelman, B.; Lefor; Louser; Magrum; Marschall; McWilliams; Paulson; Paur; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Simons; Skroch; Steiner; Toman; Trottier; Vetter; Westlind

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Johnson, M.; Mock; O'Brien; Owens

Engrossed SB 2019, as amended, passed but the emergency clause failed.

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**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**  
**MR. PRESIDENT:** The House has amended and subsequently passed: SB 2320, SB 2345.

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**  
**MR. PRESIDENT:** The House has amended, subsequently passed, and the emergency clause failed: SB 2019.

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**  
**MR. PRESIDENT:** The House has failed to pass, unchanged: SB 2341, SB 2353.

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**  
**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has amended and subsequently passed: HB 1013, HB 1020, HB 1025.

#### SENATE AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1013

Page 1, line 2, remove "to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 1 of section"

Page 1, remove lines 3 and 4

Page 1, line 5, remove "Code, relating to the investments of the board of university and school lands;"

Page 1, line 8, after the first semicolon insert "and"

Page 1, line 8, remove "; and to provide a contingent effective date"

Page 1, replace lines 18 through 22 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$6,005,550	(\$280,171)	\$5,725,379
Operating expenses	1,775,723	857,299	2,633,022
Grants	0	4,000,000	4,000,000
Contingencies	<u>100,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Total special funds	\$7,881,273	\$4,577,128	\$12,458,401"

Page 3, remove lines 12 through 21

Page 4, line 11, remove "- CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE"

Page 4, line 11, remove "Sections 6 and 7 of"

Page 4, remove lines 12 through 14

Page 4, line 15, remove "to the state investment board."

Page 4, line 15, replace "8" with "6"

Renumber accordingly

#### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

#### House Bill No. 1013 - Department of Trust Lands - Senate Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$6,005,550	\$5,705,584	\$19,795	\$5,725,379
Operating expenses	1,775,723	2,203,680	429,342	2,633,022
Grants		4,000,000		4,000,000
Contingencies	100,000	100,000		100,000
Total all funds	\$7,881,273	\$12,009,264	\$449,137	\$12,458,401
Less estimated income	7,881,273	12,009,264	449,137	12,458,401
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	31.00	28.00	0.00	28.00

#### Department 226 - Department of Trust Lands - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Salary Increases <sup>1</sup>	Adds FTE Positions <sup>2</sup>	Adjusts Funding and FTE Positions for IT Unification <sup>3</sup>	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	\$13,906	\$371,822	(\$365,933)	\$19,795
Operating expenses		43,670	385,672	429,342
Grants				
Contingencies				
Total all funds	\$13,906	\$415,492	\$19,739	\$449,137
Less estimated income	13,906	415,492	19,739	449,137
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	2.00	(2.00)	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding is adjusted to provide employee salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200, and a 2.5 percent salary increase on July 1, 2020. The House provided funding for salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, and 2 percent on July 1, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Funding is added for 2 FTE positions, including an administrative assistant (\$123,261) and an attorney (\$248,461), and related operating expenses (\$43,670). Pursuant to the provisions of North Dakota Century Code Section 54-12-09, the attorney position is assigned to the agency under appointment by the Attorney General. The House did not include the FTE positions.

<sup>3</sup> Two FTE positions are transferred to the Information Technology Department for the information technology unification project, reducing salaries and wages by \$365,933 and increasing operating expenses by \$385,672. The House did not include the information technology unification project.

This amendment also removes two sections, which were added by the House, to provide the statutory changes necessary to require the Board of University and School Lands to make investments through the State Investment Board. A contingent effective date relating to the statutory changes is also removed.

## SENATE AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1020

Page 1, line 3, after "farm" insert "; and to provide an exemption"

Page 1, replace lines 19 through 24 with:

"Extension service	\$51,188,489	\$3,677,816	\$54,866,305
Soil conservation committee	<u>1,091,520</u>	<u>121,280</u>	<u>1,212,800</u>
Total all funds	\$52,280,009	\$3,799,096	\$56,079,105
Less estimated income	<u>26,646,689</u>	<u>1,131,470</u>	<u>27,778,159</u>
Total general fund	\$25,633,320	\$2,667,626	\$28,300,946
Full-time equivalent positions	252.98	(10.47)	242.51"

Page 2, replace lines 5 through 9 with:

"Northern crops institute	<u>\$3,642,721</u>	<u>\$197,306</u>	<u>\$3,840,027</u>
Total all funds	\$3,642,721	\$197,306	\$3,840,027
Less estimated income	<u>1,755,830</u>	<u>140,387</u>	<u>1,896,217</u>
Total general fund	\$1,886,891	\$56,919	\$1,943,810
Full-time equivalent positions	11.80	1.00	12.80"

Page 2, replace lines 14 through 19 with:

"Upper great plains transportation institute	<u>\$22,060,242</u>	<u>\$1,331,981</u>	<u>\$23,392,223</u>
Total all funds	\$22,060,242	\$1,331,981	\$23,392,223
Less estimated income	<u>18,617,068</u>	<u>278,826</u>	<u>18,895,894</u>
Total general fund	\$3,443,174	\$1,053,155	\$4,496,329
Full-time equivalent positions	43.88	0.00	43.88"

Page 2, replace lines 24 through 28 with:

"Main research center	<u>\$108,642,243</u>	<u>\$3,818,323</u>	<u>\$112,460,566</u>
Total all funds	\$108,642,243	\$3,818,323	\$112,460,566
Less estimated income	<u>59,084,828</u>	<u>(641,588)</u>	<u>58,443,240</u>
Total general fund	\$49,557,415	\$4,459,911	\$54,017,326
Full-time equivalent positions	336.12	7.93	344.05"

Page 3, replace lines 3 through 13 with:

"Dickinson research center	\$6,825,551	\$127,811	\$6,953,362
Central grasslands research center	3,423,624	87,201	3,510,825
Hettinger research center	4,975,133	137,270	5,112,403
Langdon research center	2,964,607	87,453	3,052,060
North central research center	4,953,652	121,418	5,075,070
Williston research center	5,118,890	167,943	5,286,833
Carrington research center	<u>9,175,491</u>	<u>510,370</u>	<u>9,685,861</u>
Total all funds	\$37,436,948	\$1,239,466	\$38,676,414
Less estimated income	<u>20,281,691</u>	<u>318,697</u>	<u>20,600,388</u>
Total general fund	\$17,155,257	\$920,769	\$18,076,026
Full-time equivalent positions	110.29	(0.48)	109.81"

Page 3, replace lines 18 through 20 with:

"Agronomy seed farm	<u>\$1,536,129</u>	<u>\$29,846</u>	<u>\$1,565,975</u>
Total special funds	\$1,536,129	\$29,846	\$1,565,975
Full-time equivalent positions	3.00	0.00	3.00"

Page 3, replace lines 25 through 27 with:

"Grand total general fund	\$97,676,057	\$9,158,380	\$106,834,437
Grand total other funds	<u>127,922,235</u>	<u>1,257,638</u>	<u>129,179,873</u>
Grand total all funds	\$225,598,292	\$10,416,018	\$236,014,310"

Page 4, replace lines 2 through 8 with:

"Seed cleaning plants	\$1,500,000	\$750,000
Extraordinary repairs	0	1,440,465
Junior master gardener program	15,000	0
Road and bridge asset management system	300,000	0
Two equipment storage sheds	0	600,000
Greenhouse	0	500,000
Total all funds	\$1,815,000	\$3,290,465
Total other funds	<u>1,700,000</u>	<u>1,940,465</u>
Total general fund	\$115,000	\$1,350,000"

Page 5, after line 24, insert:

**"SECTION 11. EXEMPTION - CARRINGTON RESEARCH CENTER AND NORTH CENTRAL RESEARCH CENTER.** Any amounts continued for seed cleaning plants at the Carrington research center and North Central research center pursuant to section 12 of chapter 45 of the 2017 Session Laws are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended funds may be used to defray the expenses of seed cleaning plants at the Carrington research center and the North Central research center during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021."

Renumber accordingly

#### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

#### House Bill No. 1020 - Summary of Senate Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Transportation Institute				
Total all funds	\$22,060,242	\$22,837,729	\$554,494	\$23,392,223
Less estimated income	<u>18,617,068</u>	<u>18,874,323</u>	<u>21,571</u>	<u>18,895,894</u>
General fund	\$3,443,174	\$3,963,406	\$532,923	\$4,496,329
FTE	43.88	43.88	0.00	43.88
Branch Research Centers				
Total all funds	\$37,436,948	\$37,336,491	\$1,339,923	\$38,676,414
Less estimated income	<u>20,281,691</u>	<u>20,741,029</u>	<u>(140,641)</u>	<u>20,600,388</u>
General fund	\$17,155,257	\$16,595,462	\$1,480,564	\$18,076,026
FTE	110.29	109.81	0.00	109.81
NDSU Extension Service				
Total all funds	\$52,280,009	\$54,447,194	\$1,631,911	\$56,079,105
Less estimated income	<u>26,646,689</u>	<u>27,628,956</u>	<u>149,203</u>	<u>27,778,159</u>
General fund	\$25,633,320	\$26,818,238	\$1,482,708	\$28,300,946
FTE	252.98	242.51	0.00	242.51
Northern Crops Institute				
Total all funds	\$3,642,721	\$3,829,147	\$10,880	\$3,840,027
Less estimated income	<u>1,755,830</u>	<u>1,892,840</u>	<u>3,377</u>	<u>1,896,217</u>
General fund	\$1,886,891	\$1,936,307	\$7,503	\$1,943,810
FTE	11.80	12.80	0.00	12.80
Main Research Center				
Total all funds	\$108,642,243	\$107,866,866	\$4,593,700	\$112,460,566
Less estimated income	<u>59,084,828</u>	<u>59,242,367</u>	<u>(799,127)</u>	<u>58,443,240</u>
General fund	\$49,557,415	\$48,624,499	\$5,392,827	\$54,017,326
FTE	336.12	340.05	4.00	344.05
Agronomy Seed Farm				
Total all funds	\$1,536,129	\$1,562,334	\$3,641	\$1,565,975
Less estimated income	<u>1,536,129</u>	<u>1,562,334</u>	<u>3,641</u>	<u>1,565,975</u>
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	3.00	3.00	0.00	3.00
Bill total				
Total all funds	\$225,598,292	\$227,879,761	\$8,134,549	\$236,014,310
Less estimated income	<u>127,922,235</u>	<u>129,941,849</u>	<u>(761,976)</u>	<u>129,179,873</u>
General fund	\$97,676,057	\$97,937,912	\$8,896,525	\$106,834,437
FTE	758.07	752.05	4.00	756.05

## House Bill No. 1020 - Transportation Institute - Senate Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Upper Great Plains Trans. Institute	\$22,060,242	\$22,837,729	\$554,494	\$23,392,223
Total all funds	\$22,060,242	\$22,837,729	\$554,494	\$23,392,223
Less estimated income	18,617,068	18,874,323	21,571	18,895,894
General fund	\$3,443,174	\$3,963,406	\$532,923	\$4,496,329
FTE	43.88	43.88	0.00	43.88

## Department 627 - Transportation Institute - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adds Funding for Salary Increases <sup>1</sup>	Adds Funding for a Road and Bridge Study <sup>2</sup>	Total Senate Changes
Upper Great Plains Trans. Institute	\$29,494	\$525,000	\$554,494
Total all funds	\$29,494	\$525,000	\$554,494
Less estimated income	21,571	0	21,571
General fund	\$7,923	\$525,000	\$532,923
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding is added to provide for state employee salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200, and an increase of 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020. The House provided funding for a salary increase of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, and 2 percent on July 1, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Ongoing funding of \$525,000 from the general fund is added to continue the road and bridge study, for a total of \$975,000. The House added \$450,000 from the general fund.

## House Bill No. 1020 - Branch Research Centers - Senate Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Dickinson Research Center	\$6,825,551	\$6,673,082	\$280,280	\$6,953,362
Central Grasslands Research Center	3,423,624	3,366,743	144,082	3,510,825
Hettinger Research Center	4,975,133	4,952,233	160,170	5,112,403
Langdon Research Center	2,964,607	2,947,911	104,149	3,052,060
North Central Research Center	4,953,652	4,953,966	121,104	5,075,070
Williston Research Center	5,118,890	5,068,765	218,068	5,286,833
Carrington Research Center	9,175,491	9,373,791	312,070	9,685,861
Total all funds	\$37,436,948	\$37,336,491	\$1,339,923	\$38,676,414
Less estimated income	20,281,691	20,741,029	(140,641)	20,600,388
General fund	\$17,155,257	\$16,595,462	\$1,480,564	\$18,076,026
FTE	110.29	109.81	0.00	109.81

## Department 628 - Branch Research Centers - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adds Funding for Salary Increases <sup>1</sup>	Adds Funding for Operating Expenses <sup>2</sup>	Adds Funding for Oakes Irrigation Site <sup>3</sup>	Total Senate Changes
Dickinson Research Center	\$16,894	\$263,386		\$280,280
Central Grasslands Research Center	13,113	130,969		144,082
Hettinger Research Center	18,420	141,750		160,170
Langdon Research Center	10,698	93,451		104,149
North Central Research Center	17,788	103,316		121,104
Williston Research Center	19,337	198,731		218,068
Carrington Research Center	43,113	268,957		312,070
Total all funds	\$139,363	\$1,200,560	\$0	\$1,339,923
Less estimated income	59,359	0	(200,000)	(140,641)
General fund	\$80,004	\$1,200,560	\$200,000	\$1,480,564
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding is added to provide for state employee salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200, and an increase of 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020. The House provided funding for a salary increase of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, and 2 percent on July 1, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Funding of \$1,200,560 from the general fund reduced by the House for operating expenses

is restored.

<sup>3</sup> The funding source for \$200,000 added to the Carrington Research Center for the Oakes irrigation site is changed from other funds as added by the House to the general fund.

### House Bill No. 1020 - NDSU Extension Service - Senate Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Extension Service	\$51,188,489	\$53,355,674	\$1,510,631	\$54,866,305
Soil Conservation Committee	1,091,520	1,091,520	121,280	1,212,800
Total all funds	\$52,280,009	\$54,447,194	\$1,631,911	\$56,079,105
Less estimated income	26,646,689	27,628,956	149,203	27,778,159
General fund	\$25,633,320	\$26,818,238	\$1,482,708	\$28,300,946
FTE	252.98	242.51	0.00	242.51

### Department 630 - NDSU Extension Service - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adds Funding for Salary Increases <sup>1</sup>	Adds Funding for Extension Agent Funding <sup>2</sup>	Adds Funding for Soil Conservation <sup>3</sup>	Adds One-Time Funding for Website and Digital Upgrades <sup>4</sup>	Total Senate Changes
Extension Service	\$295,631	\$870,000		\$345,000	\$1,510,631
Soil Conservation Committee			\$121,280		121,280
Total all funds	\$295,631	\$870,000	\$121,280	\$345,000	\$1,631,911
Less estimated income	149,203	0	0	0	149,203
General fund	\$146,428	\$870,000	\$121,280	\$345,000	\$1,482,708
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding is added to provide for state employee salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200, and an increase of 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020. The House provided funding for a salary increase of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, and 2 percent on July 1, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Funding of \$870,000 from the general fund is added for providing additional state funding for the cost of county extension agents. The House did not add any funding for additional county extension agent funding.

<sup>3</sup> Funding of \$121,280 from the general fund is added for soil conservation. The House did not add funding for soil conservation.

<sup>4</sup> One-time funding of \$345,000 from the general fund is provided for website and digital upgrades. The House did not add funding for website and digital upgrades.

### House Bill No. 1020 - Northern Crops Institute - Senate Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Northern Crops Institute	\$3,642,721	\$3,829,147	\$10,880	\$3,840,027
Total all funds	\$3,642,721	\$3,829,147	\$10,880	\$3,840,027
Less estimated income	1,755,830	1,892,840	3,377	1,896,217
General fund	\$1,886,891	\$1,936,307	\$7,503	\$1,943,810
FTE	11.80	12.80	0.00	12.80

### Department 638 - Northern Crops Institute - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adds Funding for Salary Increases <sup>1</sup>	Total Senate Changes
Northern Crops Institute	\$10,880	\$10,880
Total all funds	\$10,880	\$10,880
Less estimated income	3,377	3,377
General fund	\$7,503	\$7,503
FTE	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding is added to provide for state employee salary increases of 2 percent on July 1,

2019, with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200, and an increase of 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020. The House provided funding for a salary increase of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, and 2 percent on July 1, 2020.

### House Bill No. 1020 - Main Research Center - Senate Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Main Research Center	\$108,642,243	\$107,866,866	\$4,593,700	\$112,460,566
Total all funds	\$108,642,243	\$107,866,866	\$4,593,700	\$112,460,566
Less estimated income	59,084,828	59,242,367	(799,127)	58,443,240
General fund	\$49,557,415	\$48,624,499	\$5,392,827	\$54,017,326
FTE	336.12	340.05	4.00	344.05

### Department 640 - Main Research Center - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adds Funding for Salary Increases <sup>1</sup>	Adds FTE Positions for Agribiome Initiative <sup>2</sup>	Adjusts Funding for Miscellaneous Expenses <sup>3</sup>	Adjusts One-Time Funding for Williston Seed Cleaning Plant <sup>4</sup>	Adds One-Time Funding for Two Equipment Storage Sheds <sup>5</sup>	Adds One-Time Funding for a Williston Greenhouse <sup>6</sup>
Main Research Center	\$377,958	\$1,160,000	\$1,955,742		\$600,000	\$500,000
Total all funds	\$377,958	\$1,160,000	\$1,955,742	\$0	\$600,000	\$500,000
Less estimated income	200,873	0	(1,000,000)	(500,000)	0	500,000
General fund	\$177,085	\$1,160,000	\$2,955,742	\$500,000	\$600,000	\$0
FTE	0.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Total Senate Changes
Main Research Center	\$4,593,700
Total all funds	\$4,593,700
Less estimated income	(799,127)
General fund	\$5,392,827
FTE	4.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding is added to provide for state employee salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200, and an increase of 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020. The House provided funding for a salary increase of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, and 2 percent on July 1, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> The following FTE positions and related funding are added for the agribiome initiative:

	FTE Positions	General Fund
Scientist and technician	2.0	\$580,000
Scientist and technician	2.0	580,000
Total	4.0	\$1,160,000

<sup>3</sup> The Senate adjusted funding for miscellaneous expenses by adding \$2,955,742 from the general fund and reducing \$1,000,000 of other funds. The House reduced funding for miscellaneous expenses by \$2,955,742 from the general fund but increased funding by \$3,000,000 of other funds.

<sup>4</sup> One-time funding of \$500,000 from the general fund is added to the \$250,000 of one-time funding from the general fund added by the House for the Williston Research Center seed cleaning plant, for a total of \$750,000 from the general fund. The \$500,000 of other funds added by the House for the seed cleaning plant is removed.

<sup>5</sup> One-time funding of \$600,000 from the general fund is added for two equipment storage sheds. The House did not add funding for equipment storage sheds.

<sup>6</sup> One-time funding of \$500,000 of other funds is added for a Williston Research Center greenhouse. The House did not add funding for a Williston greenhouse.

## House Bill No. 1020 - Agronomy Seed Farm - Senate Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Agronomy Seed Farm	\$1,536,129	\$1,562,334	\$3,641	\$1,565,975
Total all funds	\$1,536,129	\$1,562,334	\$3,641	\$1,565,975
Less estimated income	1,536,129	1,562,334	3,641	1,565,975
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	3.00	3.00	0.00	3.00

## Department 649 - Agronomy Seed Farm - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adds Funding for Salary Increases <sup>1</sup>	Total Senate Changes
Agronomy Seed Farm	\$3,641	\$3,641
Total all funds	\$3,641	\$3,641
Less estimated income	3,641	3,641
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding is added to provide for state employee salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200, and an increase of 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020. The House provided funding for a salary increase of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, and 2 percent on July 1, 2020.

This amendment also adds a section to allow funds appropriated for the 2017-19 biennium for seed cleaning plants at the Carrington Research Center and the North Central Research Center to be continued and spent during the 2019-21 biennium.

## SENATE AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1025

Page 1, line 2, remove "and"

Page 1, line 2, after "report" insert "; and to provide an exemption"

Page 1, replace lines 12 through 20 with:

"Veterans' affairs	\$1,168,015	\$191,408	\$1,359,423
State approving agency	271,998	13,660	285,658
Grants - transportation program	1,719,520	(919,520)	800,000
Transport vans	18,600	21,400	40,000
Service dogs	50,000	0	50,000
Veterans' home cemetery	0	291,500	291,500
Total all funds	\$3,228,133	(\$401,552)	\$2,826,581
Less estimated income	2,091,571	(714,414)	1,377,157
Total general fund	\$1,136,562	\$312,862	\$1,449,424
Full-time equivalent positions	7.00	1.00	8.00"

Page 2, replace lines 2 through 5 with:

"Transport vans	\$18,600	\$0
Grant database enhancements	0	7,500
Veterans' home cemetery	0	291,500
Total all funds	\$18,600	\$299,000
Less estimated income	0	291,500
Total general fund	\$18,600	\$7,500"

Page 2, after line 9, insert:

**"SECTION 3. EXEMPTION.** The amount of \$50,000 appropriated for the posttraumatic stress disorder service dogs program in section 1 of chapter 49 of the 2017 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended funds

from this program are available for the program during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

**SECTION 4. ESTIMATED INCOME - VETERANS' HOME CEMETERY FUNDING.** The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes \$291,500, of which \$265,000 is from federal funds and \$26,500 is from the Melvin Norgard memorial fund, for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the cemetery located on the veterans' home campus during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. This funding is considered a one-time funding item."

ReNUMBER accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**House Bill No. 1025 - Department of Veterans' Affairs - Senate Action**

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Veterans' affairs	\$1,168,015	\$1,322,258	\$37,165	\$1,359,423
State Approving Agency	271,998	284,501	1,157	285,658
Grants - Transportation program	1,719,520	800,000		800,000
Transport vans	18,600	18,800	21,200	40,000
Service dogs	50,000	50,000		50,000
Veterans' Home cemetery			291,500	291,500
Total all funds	\$3,228,133	\$2,475,559	\$351,022	\$2,826,581
Less estimated income	2,091,571	1,084,500	292,657	1,377,157
General fund	\$1,136,562	\$1,391,059	\$58,365	\$1,449,424
FTE	7.00	7.00	1.00	8.00

**Department 321 - Department of Veterans' Affairs - Detail of Senate Changes**

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases <sup>1</sup>	Adjusts Funding for a Loan and Grant Position <sup>2</sup>	Adds Funding for Transport Vans <sup>3</sup>	Adds Funding for Veteran Benefit Specialist Training <sup>4</sup>	Adds One-Time Funding for a Cemetery Program <sup>5</sup>	Total Senate Changes
Veterans' affairs	\$7,071	\$11,794		\$18,300		\$37,165
State Approving Agency	1,157					1,157
Grants - Transportation program			\$21,200			21,200
Transport vans						
Service dogs						
Veterans' Home cemetery					\$291,500	291,500
Total all funds	\$8,228	\$11,794	\$21,200	\$18,300	\$291,500	\$351,022
Less estimated income	1,157	0	0	0	291,500	292,657
General fund	\$7,071	\$11,794	\$21,200	\$18,300	\$0	\$58,365
FTE	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding of \$8,228, of which \$7,071 is from the general fund and \$1,157 is from federal funds, is added for 2019-21 biennium salary increases of 2 percent, with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200, on July 1, 2019, and 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020, to provide a total of \$36,773 for state employee salary increases, of which \$30,631 is from the general fund and \$6,142 is from federal funds. The House approved 2019-21 biennium salary increases of 2 percent per year and provided a total of \$28,545 for state employee salary increases, of which \$23,560 is from the general fund and \$4,985 is from federal funds.

<sup>2</sup> Funding of \$11,794 is added from the general fund for an FTE loan and grant position to provide a total of \$151,794 for the position. The House provided \$140,000 of one-time funding from the general fund for temporary salaries for the loan and grant position.

<sup>3</sup> Funding of \$21,200 is added from the general fund for transport vans to provide a total appropriation of \$40,000 for purchasing two transport vans during the 2019-21 biennium. The House appropriated \$18,800 from the general fund for purchasing one transport van during the 2019-21 biennium.

<sup>4</sup> Funding of \$18,300 from the general fund is added for veteran benefit specialist training. The House did not provide funding for this training.

<sup>5</sup> One-time funding of \$291,500 is added for a Veterans' Home cemetery program, of which \$265,000 is from federal funds and \$26,500 is from the Melvin Norgard memorial fund, for repairing and maintaining the Veterans' Home cemetery.

This amendment also:

- Adds a section allowing the Department of Veterans' Affairs to continue unexpended 2017-19 funding for the posttraumatic stress disorder service dog program into the 2019-21 biennium.
- Adds a section identifying \$291,500 of one-time funding, of which \$265,000 is from federal funds and \$26,500 is from the Melvin Norgard memorial fund, for repairs and maintenance at the cemetery located on the Veterans' Home campus during the 2019-21 biennium.

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has amended, subsequently passed, and the emergency clause carried: HB 1002, HB 1012, HB 1119.

**SENATE AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1002**

Page 1, line 5, remove the second "and"

Page 1, line 5, after "transfer" insert "; to provide a statement of legislative intent; and to declare an emergency"

Page 1, replace lines 16 through 21 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$10,909,112	\$429,608	\$11,338,720
Operating expenses	2,731,582	(820)	2,730,762
Capital assets	0	977,500	977,500
Judges' retirement	80,764	(80,764)	0
Guardianship monitoring program	<u>316,204</u>	<u>(33,162)</u>	<u>283,042</u>
Total all funds	\$14,037,662	\$1,292,362	\$15,330,024
Less estimated income	<u>0</u>	<u>970,000</u>	<u>970,000</u>
Total general fund	\$14,037,662	\$322,362	\$14,360,024"

Page 2, replace lines 3 through 11 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$67,602,628	\$5,810,396	\$73,413,024
Operating expenses	20,881,207	(434,305)	20,446,902
Capital assets	0	189,852	189,852
Judges' retirement	343,290	(62,958)	280,332
University of North Dakota central legal research	<u>40,000</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>	<u>0</u>
Total all funds	\$88,867,125	\$5,462,985	\$94,330,110
Less estimated income	<u>1,339,138</u>	<u>320,458</u>	<u>1,659,596</u>
Total general fund	\$87,527,987	\$5,142,527	\$92,670,514"

Page 2, replace lines 16 through 20 with:

"Judicial conduct commission and disciplinary board	<u>\$1,174,822</u>	<u>\$76,140</u>	<u>\$1,250,962</u>
Total all funds	\$1,174,822	\$76,140	\$1,250,962
Less estimated income	<u>482,701</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>482,701</u>
Total general fund	\$692,121	\$76,140	\$768,261"

Page 2, replace lines 25 through 28 with:

"Grand total general fund	\$102,257,770	\$5,541,029	\$107,798,799
Grand total special funds	<u>1,821,839</u>	<u>1,290,458</u>	<u>3,112,297</u>
Grand total all funds	\$104,079,609	\$6,831,487	\$110,911,096
Full-time equivalent positions	355.50	8.50	364.00"

Page 3, replace lines 2 through 6 with:

"Pipeline protest trials	\$1,500,000	\$0
Copy machines	0	82,500
Audio and visual equipment	0	114,852
Law library remodel	0	<u>970,000</u>
Total all funds	\$1,500,000	\$1,167,352
Less estimated income	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>970,000</u>
Total general fund	\$0	\$197,352"

Page 3, after line 10, insert:

**"SECTION 3. ESTIMATED INCOME - CAPITOL BUILDING FUND - LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** The estimated income line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes \$970,000 of one-time funding from the capitol building fund to remodel the supreme court law library space in the judicial wing of the state capitol. It is the intent of the sixty-sixth legislative assembly that any remodel of judicial wing space result in at least two study rooms remaining in the judicial wing for use by attorneys appearing in cases before the supreme court."

Page 3, line 15, remove "one hundred sixty thousand one hundred"

Page 3, line 16, replace "forty-nine" with "one hundred fifty-nine thousand four hundred nine"

Page 3, line 16, remove "one"

Page 3, line 17, replace "hundred sixty-three thousand three hundred fifty-two" with "one hundred sixty-three thousand three hundred ninety-four"

Page 3, line 19, replace "four thousand five hundred ninety-eight" with "four thousand five hundred eight"

Page 3, line 20, remove "four thousand six hundred"

Page 3, line 21, replace "ninety" with "four thousand six hundred twenty-one"

Page 6, line 30, remove "one hundred forty-six thousand seven hundred"

Page 6, line 31, replace "forty-six" with "one hundred forty-six thousand two hundred sixty-nine"

Page 7, line 1, replace "one hundred forty-nine thousand six hundred eighty-one" with "one hundred forty-nine thousand nine hundred twenty-six"

Page 7, line 6, replace "four thousand two hundred forty" with "four thousand one hundred fifty-six"

Page 7, line 7, replace "four thousand three hundred twenty-four" with "four thousand two hundred sixty"

Page 7, after line 17, insert:

**"SECTION 17. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - NEW DISTRICT COURT JUDGES.** It is the intent of the sixty-sixth legislative assembly that the judicial branch consider the relocation of current district court judge positions prior to submitting a future request for any additional district court judge positions.

**SECTION 18. EMERGENCY.** The \$970,000 appropriated from the capitol building fund in section 1 to remodel the law library space and section 3 of this Act are declared to be an emergency measure."

ReNUMBER accordingly

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

## House Bill No. 1002 - Summary of Senate Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Supreme Court				
Total all funds	\$14,037,662	\$14,315,486	\$1,014,538	\$15,330,024
Less estimated income	0	0	970,000	970,000
General fund	\$14,037,662	\$14,315,486	\$44,538	\$14,360,024
FTE	43.50	43.50	0.00	43.50
District Courts				
Total all funds	\$88,867,125	\$93,107,909	\$1,222,201	\$94,330,110
Less estimated income	1,339,138	1,654,171	5,425	1,659,596
General fund	\$87,527,987	\$91,453,738	\$1,216,776	\$92,670,514
FTE	308.00	313.00	3.00	316.00
Judicial Conduct Commission				
Total all funds	\$1,174,822	\$1,246,948	\$4,014	\$1,250,962
Less estimated income	482,701	501,425	(18,724)	482,701
General fund	\$692,121	\$745,523	\$22,738	\$768,261
FTE	4.00	4.50	0.00	4.50
Bill total				
Total all funds	\$104,079,609	\$108,670,343	\$2,240,753	\$110,911,096
Less estimated income	1,821,839	2,155,596	956,701	3,112,297
General fund	\$102,257,770	\$106,514,747	\$1,284,052	\$107,798,799
FTE	355.50	361.00	3.00	364.00

## House Bill No. 1002 - Supreme Court - Senate Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$10,909,112	\$11,307,672	\$31,048	\$11,338,720
Operating expenses	2,731,582	2,730,762		2,730,762
Capital assets		7,500	970,000	977,500
Judges' retirement	80,764			
Guardianship monitoring program	316,204	269,552	13,490	283,042
Total all funds	\$14,037,662	\$14,315,486	\$1,014,538	\$15,330,024
Less estimated income	0	0	970,000	970,000
General fund	\$14,037,662	\$14,315,486	\$44,538	\$14,360,024
FTE	43.50	43.50	0.00	43.50

## Department 181 - Supreme Court - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases <sup>1</sup>	Adds Funding for Guardianship Monitoring <sup>2</sup>	Adds One-Time Funding to Remodel the Law Library <sup>3</sup>	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	\$31,048			\$31,048
Operating expenses				
Capital assets			\$970,000	970,000
Judges' retirement				
Guardianship monitoring program	490	\$13,000		13,490
Total all funds	\$31,538	\$13,000	\$970,000	\$1,014,538
Less estimated income	0	0	970,000	970,000
General fund	\$31,538	\$13,000	\$0	\$44,538
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding is adjusted to provide employee salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200, and 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020. The House provided funding for a 2 percent salary increase on July 1, 2019, and a 2 percent salary increase on July 1, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Funding is added from the general fund for guardian certification and continuing education.

<sup>3</sup> One-time funding of \$970,000 from the Capitol building fund is added to remodel the Supreme Court Law Library space in the judicial wing of the State Capitol. Legislative intent is also provided for the judicial branch to maintain at least two study rooms for attorneys appearing in cases before the Supreme Court.

## House Bill No. 1002 - District Courts - Senate Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$67,602,628	\$72,327,095	\$1,085,929	\$73,413,024
Operating expenses	20,881,207	20,426,202	20,700	20,446,902
Capital assets		75,000	114,852	189,852
Judges' retirement	343,290	279,612	720	280,332
UND central legal research	40,000			
Total all funds	\$88,867,125	\$93,107,909	\$1,222,201	\$94,330,110
Less estimated income	1,339,138	1,654,171	5,425	1,659,596
General fund	\$87,527,987	\$91,453,738	\$1,216,776	\$92,670,514
FTE	308.00	313.00	3.00	316.00

## Department 182 - District Courts - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases <sup>1</sup>	Adds FTE Positions <sup>2</sup>	Adds Funding for Drug Court <sup>3</sup>	Adds One-Time Funding for Audio and Video Equipment <sup>4</sup>	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	\$215,696	\$765,693	\$104,540		\$1,085,929
Operating expenses			20,700		20,700
Capital assets				\$114,852	114,852
Judges' retirement	720				720
UND central legal research					
Total all funds	\$216,416	\$765,693	\$125,240	\$114,852	\$1,222,201
Less estimated income	5,425	0	0	0	5,425
General fund	\$210,991	\$765,693	\$125,240	\$114,852	\$1,216,776
FTE	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	3.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding is adjusted to provide employee salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200, and 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020. The House provided funding for a 2 percent salary increase on July 1, 2019, and a 2 percent salary increase on July 1, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> The following FTE positions and related funding are added:

	FTE Positions	General Fund
Judge - South central district	1.0	\$413,932
Court reporter - South central district	1.0	181,005
Juvenile court officer - Southeast district	1.0	170,756
Total	3.0	\$765,693

<sup>3</sup> Funding is added for a drug court in the Southeast Judicial District.

<sup>4</sup> One-time funding is added from the general fund for audio and video equipment in the South Central Judicial District.

## House Bill No. 1002 - Judicial Conduct Commission - Senate Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Judicial Conduct Commission	\$1,174,822	\$1,246,948	\$4,014	\$1,250,962
Total all funds	\$1,174,822	\$1,246,948	\$4,014	\$1,250,962
Less estimated income	482,701	501,425	(18,724)	482,701
General fund	\$692,121	\$745,523	\$22,738	\$768,261
FTE	4.00	4.50	0.00	4.50

## Department 183 - Judicial Conduct Commission - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases <sup>1</sup>	Total Senate Changes
Judicial Conduct Commission	\$4,014	\$4,014
Total all funds	\$4,014	\$4,014
Less estimated income	(18,724)	(18,724)
General fund	\$22,738	\$22,738
FTE	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding is adjusted to provide employee salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200, and 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020. The House provided funding for a 2 percent salary increase on July 1, 2019, and a 2 percent salary increase on July 1, 2020. Funding is also adjusted to provide that the salary and benefit increases be provided from the general fund.

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### House Bill No. 1002 - Other Changes - Senate Action

This amendment also adds a section to provide legislative intent that the judicial branch consider the relocation of current district court judge positions prior to submitting a future request for any additional district court judge positions.

#### SENATE AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1012

Page 1, line 2, after the semicolon insert "to create and enact a new subsection to section 57-40.3-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to exemptions from motor vehicle excise tax;"

Page 1, line 4, after the first semicolon insert "to provide for a contingent loan authorization; provide a contingent appropriation;"

Page 1, line 4, remove "to provide for the operation of maintenance"

Page 1, line 5, remove "section sites;"

Page 1, line 5, after the fourth semicolon insert "to provide an effective date;"

Page 1, replace lines 15 through 20 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$201,478,341	(\$3,317,303)	\$198,161,038
Operating expenses	229,381,646	28,156,139	257,537,785
Capital assets	771,101,851	89,924,093	861,025,944
Grants	<u>67,528,030</u>	<u>28,326,607</u>	<u>95,854,637</u>
Total special funds	\$1,269,489,868	\$143,089,536	\$1,412,579,404
Full-time equivalent positions	1,047.00	(63.00)	984.00"

Page 2, line 20, replace "2017-19" with "2019-21"

Page 2, line 20, replace "2019" with "2021"

Page 2, line 21, replace "2019" with "2021"

Page 2, line 21, replace "2021" with "2023"

Page 2, line 29, after "**APPROPRIATION**" insert "- **2017-19 BIENNIUM**"

Page 2, line 29, replace "**ENHANCED STATE HIGHWAY**" with "**ROAD MAINTENANCE**"

Page 3, line 1, remove "enhanced state"

Page 3, line 2, replace "highway improvements" with "road maintenance"

Page 3, line 6, replace "enhanced state highway improvements" with "road maintenance"

Page 3, after line 6, insert:

**"SECTION 7. CONTINGENT LOAN AUTHORIZATION - CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION - HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.** The department of transportation may borrow from the Bank of North Dakota, \$50,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, which is appropriated to the department of transportation for matching federal funds that may become available, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. The funds authorized in this section may be borrowed and spent only upon certification by the director of the

department of transportation to the director of the office of management and budget that the department has been awarded additional federal grants, which were applied for after March 1, 2019, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. The department of transportation shall request from the sixty-seventh legislative assembly an appropriation to repay any outstanding loans authorized in this section."

Page 3, remove lines 21 through 30

Page 4, replace lines 8 through 11 with:

**"SECTION 10.** A new subsection to section 57-40.3-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Any motor vehicle in the possession of and used exclusively by a public transportation provider that receives a distribution of funds under section 39-04.2-04 to provide public transportation services.

**SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 10 of this Act is effective for taxable events occurring after June 30, 2019."

Page 4, line 12, replace "7" with "8"

Renumber accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**House Bill No. 1012 - Department of Transportation - Senate Action**

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$201,478,341	\$201,938,923	(\$3,777,885)	\$198,161,038
Operating expenses	229,381,646	249,253,334	8,284,451	257,537,785
Capital assets	771,101,851	861,025,944		861,025,944
Grants	67,528,030	95,854,637		95,854,637
Short line railroad program		2,500,000		2,500,000
Total all funds	\$1,269,489,868	\$1,410,572,838	\$4,506,566	\$1,415,079,404
Less estimated income	1,269,489,868	1,408,072,838	4,506,566	1,412,579,404
General fund	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$2,500,000
FTE	1,047.00	1,005.00	(21.00)	984.00

**Department 801 - Department of Transportation - Detail of Senate Changes**

	Adjusts Funding for Salary Increases <sup>1</sup>	Restores and Adds FTE Positions <sup>2</sup>	Transfers 41 FTE for IT Unification <sup>3</sup>	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	\$778,127	\$3,668,000	(\$8,224,012)	(\$3,777,885)
Operating expenses			8,284,451	8,284,451
Capital assets				
Grants				
Short line railroad program				
Total all funds	\$778,127	\$3,668,000	\$60,439	\$4,506,566
Less estimated income	778,127	3,668,000	60,439	4,506,566
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	20.00	(41.00)	(21.00)

<sup>1</sup> Funding is added to provide for employee salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200, and an increase of 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020. The House provided funding for salary increases of 2 percent per year.

<sup>2</sup> The Senate restored 16 FTE positions (\$3,000,000) of the 42 FTE positions removed by the House and added 4 FTE positions (\$668,000) of which 2 relate to Fargo driver's license operations.

<sup>3</sup> Forty-one FTE positions are transferred to the Information Technology Department for the IT unification project,

resulting in reduced salaries and wages of \$8,224,012 and increased operating expenses of \$8,284,451. The House version did not include the IT unification project.

This amendment also:

- Provides that \$503,115,558 appropriated in the capital assets line item in House Bill No. 1012 (2015) relating to enhanced state highway investments is exempt from provisions of North Dakota Century Code Section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued into the 2021-23 biennium. The House authorized these funds to be continued into the 2019-21 biennium only.
- Changes the purpose of the \$13 million from the general fund by the House for the 2017-19 biennium from enhanced state highway funding to road maintenance funding.
- Authorizes the Department of Transportation to obtain a contingent loan from the Bank of North Dakota and provides a contingent appropriation of those funds to the Department of Transportation for the purpose of matching federal grants that the department applies for after March 1, 2019. The House did not include this section.
- Removes a section added by the House directing the department to establish the Mayville section site as a satellite site of the Hillsboro section and set requirements for seasonal winter services in the Courtenay, Gackle, New England, and Finley sections.
- Creates a new subsection to Section 57-40.3-04 to provide an exemption from the motor vehicle excise tax for vehicles purchased by public transportation providers that receive state funding through the highway tax distribution formula and provide public transportation services and Section 11 provides for an effective date. The House version did not include these sections.
- Removes a section requiring the Department of Transportation to report to the 2021 Legislative Assembly regarding the department's state fleet expenditures compared to its 2019-21 biennium budgeted amounts.

#### **SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1119**

Page 1, line 1, after "reenact" insert "subsection 8 of section 19-24.1-01, paragraph 1 of subdivision a of subsection 24 of section 19-24.1-01,"

Page 1, after line 6, insert:

**"SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 8 of section 19-24.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

8. "~~Cannabinoid tincture~~resolution" means a solution of alcohol, ~~consisting of a mixture created from~~ cannabinoid concentrate, and other ingredients ~~intended for consumption.~~

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Paragraph 1 of subdivision a of subsection 24 of section 19-24.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- (1) ~~Cannabinoid tincture~~resolution;"

Page 6, line 6, replace "Information" with "Except as provided under subsection 2, information kept or maintained by the department is confidential, including information"

Page 6, line 9, overstrike ", is confidential"

Page 6, line 10, after "disclosed" insert "as necessary"

ReNUMBER accordingly

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**  
**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has amended and subsequently failed to pass: HB 1466.

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**

**MR. PRESIDENT:** The House does not concur in the Senate amendments to HB 1157, HB 1283, HB 1287, HB 1346, HB 1383, HB 1461, and HB 1531, and the Speaker has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the Senate on:

**HB 1157:** Reps. Bosch; Louser; M. Nelson  
**HB 1283:** Reps. M. Ruby; Devlin; Damschen  
**HB 1287:** Reps. Owens; Schreiber-Beck; Guggisberg  
**HB 1346:** Reps. Owens; Zubke; Guggisberg  
**HB 1383:** Reps. Schreiber-Beck; Brandenburg; Boe  
**HB 1461:** Reps. Schreiber-Beck; Strinden; Hager  
**HB 1531:** Reps. Owens; Zubke; Guggisberg

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the House on:

**HB 1074:** Sens. Myrdal; Lemm; Bakke  
**HB 1541:** Sens. Luick; Myrdal; Bakke

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has concurred in the House amendments and subsequently passed: SB 2011 and SCR 4016.

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate does not concur in the House amendments to SB 2004, SB 2214, and SB 2321, and the President has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the House on:

**SB 2004:** Sens. Oehlke; Dever; Grabinger  
**SB 2214:** Sens. Schaible; Rust; Marcellais  
**SB 2321:** Sens. Rust; Dwyer; Bakke

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**

**MR. PRESIDENT:** The House has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the Senate on:

**SB 2035:** Reps. Pyle; Hatlestad; Toman  
**SB 2078:** Reps. Hatlestad; Magrum; Guggisberg  
**SB 2186:** Reps. Heinert; Hoverson; Hager  
**SB 2215:** Reps. Owens; Schreiber-Beck; Hager  
**SB 2216:** Reps. Owens; Schreiber-Beck; Guggisberg

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**

**MR. PRESIDENT:** Your signature is respectfully requested on: HB 1005, HB 1246, HB 1256, HCR 3048.

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**

**MR. SPEAKER:** Your signature is respectfully requested on: SB 2106, SB 2268, SB 2273, SB 2362.

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**

**MR. SPEAKER:** The President has signed: HB 1005, HB 1246, HB 1256, HCR 3048.

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**

**MR. PRESIDENT:** The Speaker has signed: HB 1082, HB 1394, HCR 3058.

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**

**MR. PRESIDENT:** The Speaker has signed: SB 2036, SB 2046, SB 2047, SB 2061, SB 2073, SB 2106, SB 2110, SB 2113, SB 2120, SB 2121, SB 2162, SB 2176, SB 2181, SB 2185, SB 2212, SB 2268, SB 2273, SB 2278, SB 2281, SB 2340, SB 2362.

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**  
**MR. SPEAKER:** The President has signed: SB 2036, SB 2046, SB 2047, SB 2061, SB 2073, SB 2106, SB 2110, SB 2113, SB 2120, SB 2121, SB 2162, SB 2176, SB 2181, SB 2185, SB 2212, SB 2268, SB 2273, SB 2278, SB 2281, SB 2340, SB 2362.

**DELIVERY OF ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following bills were delivered to the Governor for approval on April 8, 2019: HB 1082, HB 1394.

**DELIVERY OF ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolution was delivered to the Secretary of State for filing on April 8, 2019: HCR 3058.

**MOTION**

**REP. LOUSER MOVED** that the absent members be excused, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

**MOTION**

**REP. LOUSER MOVED** that the House be on the Fourth, Fifth, Ninth, and Thirteenth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the House stand adjourned until 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 9, 2019, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2005, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Delzer, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2005 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 7, after the second comma insert "and from special funds derived from the strategic investment and improvements fund"

Page 1, replace lines 12 through 15 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$1,316,139	\$52,418	\$1,368,557
Operating expenses	251,260	(24,031)	227,229
Coal severance payments	<u>180,000</u>	<u>(9,000)</u>	<u>171,000</u>
Total all funds	\$1,747,399	\$19,387	\$1,766,786
Less estimated income	<u>0</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>35,000</u>
Total general fund	\$1,747,399	(\$15,613)	\$1,731,786"

Page 1, after line 16, insert:

**"SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO THE SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-fifth legislative assembly for the 2017-19 biennium and the 2019-21 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2017-19</u>	<u>2019-21</u>
Information technology costs	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$35,000</u>
Total special funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$35,000</u>

The 2019-21 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2021-23 biennium. The state treasurer shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-seventh legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

**SECTION 3. ESTIMATED INCOME - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND.** The operating expenses line item and the estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act include \$35,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for information technology costs."

Page 1, line 22, replace "one hundred seven thousand eight hundred eighty-five" with "one hundred one thousand eight hundred seventy-nine"

Page 1, line 23, replace "one hundred eleven thousand one hundred twenty-two" with "one hundred four thousand four hundred twenty-six"

ReNUMBER accordingly

#### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

#### Senate Bill No. 2005 - State Treasurer - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$1,316,139	\$1,380,797	(\$12,240)	\$1,368,557
Operating expenses	251,260	192,229	35,000	227,229
Coal severance payments	180,000	171,000		171,000
Total all funds	\$1,747,399	\$1,744,026	\$22,760	\$1,766,786
Less estimated income	0	0	35,000	35,000
General fund	\$1,747,399	\$1,744,026	(\$12,240)	\$1,731,786
FTE	7.00	7.00	0.00	7.00

#### Department 120 - State Treasurer - Detail of House Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Salary Increases <sup>1</sup>	Removes Funding for Salary Equity Increase to State Treasurer <sup>2</sup>	Adds Funding for Information Technology Costs <sup>3</sup>	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	\$2,381	(\$14,621)		(\$12,240)
Operating expenses			\$35,000	35,000
Coal severance payments				
Total all funds	\$2,381	(\$14,621)	\$35,000	\$22,760
Less estimated income	0	0	35,000	35,000
General fund	\$2,381	(\$14,621)	\$0	(\$12,240)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding is adjusted to provide employee salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200, and a 2.5 percent salary increase on July 1, 2020. The Senate provided funding for salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, and 3 percent on July 1, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Funding is removed for a salary equity increase to the State Treasurer. The Senate provided a salary equity increase of \$14,621 to align the State Treasurer's salary with the salary of the State Auditor.

<sup>3</sup> One-time funding of \$35,000 is added from the strategic investment and improvements fund for information technology costs related to changes in the oil and gas tax revenue allocation formulas. The Senate did not include funding for these information technology costs.

This amendment also:

- Adds a section to identify \$35,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for information technology costs.
- Includes a section to provide the statutory changes necessary to increase the State Treasurer's salary to \$101,879 (2 percent) in fiscal year 2020 and to \$104,426 (2.5 percent) in fiscal year 2021.

#### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**SB 2006, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Delzer, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (13 YEAS, 5 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2006 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.**

Page 1, line 3, after the semicolon insert "to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-11 and a new section to chapter 54-27 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an income tax rate reduction fund and the transfer of legacy fund earnings;"

Page 1, line 4, replace "and" with "to provide a continuing appropriation;"

Page 1, line 4, after "transfer" insert "; and to provide an effective date"

Page 1, replace lines 15 through 22 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$21,724,004	\$880,914	\$22,604,918
Operating expenses	6,749,295	363,165	7,112,460
Capital assets	6,000	0	6,000
Homestead tax credit	14,800,000	1,000,000	15,800,000
Disabled veterans' tax credit	8,110,200	300,000	8,410,200
Total all funds	\$51,389,499	\$2,544,079	\$53,933,578
Less estimated income	125,000	0	125,000
Total general fund	\$51,264,499	\$2,544,079	\$53,808,578"

Page 2, after line 11, insert:

**"SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 54-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Legacy income tax rate reduction fund - State treasurer - Tax commissioner - Income tax rate adjustment - Transfers to the general fund - Continuing appropriation.**

1. There is created in the state treasury the legacy income tax rate reduction fund. The fund consists of all moneys deposited in the fund pursuant to section 5 of this Act. All moneys in the fund are appropriated to the state treasurer on a continuing basis for the purpose of providing transfers to the general fund to reduce the individual income tax imposed under section 57-38-30.3 and the corporate income tax imposed under section 57-38-30.
2. If money is transferred into the fund pursuant to section 5 of this Act, the tax commissioner shall publish reduced individual and corporate income tax rates and notify taxpayers of the reduced rates by November first of the first fiscal year of the biennium. The tax commissioner may determine the form and manner for publishing the reduced rates and notifying taxpayers, including any notification that taxpayers are not required to file returns or pay taxes. The tax commissioner shall reduce the individual income tax rates and the corporate income tax rates based on the following:
  - a. The percentage reduction to the individual and corporate income tax rates is equal to the rate reduction amount divided by the total estimated tax collections, including both the individual tax collections and corporate income tax collections, for the second year of the biennium.
  - b. Any reductions to the individual income tax rates and the corporate income tax rates apply to tax years after December 31, 2021.
  - c. The reductions to the individual income tax rates and the corporate income tax rates must be proportional to the estimated tax collections for each tax relative to the combined total estimated tax collections for both taxes.
  - d. The reductions to the individual income tax rates and the corporate income tax rates must be applied equally to all tax brackets for each tax.
  - e. The reduced individual income tax rates and corporate income tax rates must be rounded to the nearest one-hundredth of a percent.

3. If no money is transferred to the fund pursuant to section 5 of this Act, the tax commissioner may not reduce the individual and corporate income tax rates currently in effect.
4.
  - a. If the income tax rate reduction results in a disproportionate amount of tax to be deducted and withheld under section 57-38-59, the tax commissioner may adjust the percentage that, when withheld, will as closely as possible pay the income tax liability imposed.
  - b. This section does not limit or suspend any provision in chapter 57-38 which is not in conflict with this section, including provisions for assessment and refund under sections 57-38-34.4, 57-38-38, and 57-38-40.
5. In April of each year, the state treasurer shall transfer the amounts certified by the tax commissioner from the legacy fund income tax reduction fund to the general fund. The amount transferred to the general fund each year may not be less than the rate reduction amount determined for the current biennium plus the rate reduction amount determined for each preceding biennium.
6. For purposes of this section:
  - a. "Base funding amount" means the total amount transferred from the legacy income tax rate reduction fund to the general fund in the preceding biennium.
  - b. "Estimated tax collections" means the income tax collection amounts included in the revenue forecast of the current biennial state budget as approved by the most recently adjourned special or regular session of the legislative assembly.
  - c. "Rate reduction amount" means one-third of any legacy fund earnings deposited in the legacy income tax rate reduction fund exceeding the base funding amount.

**SECTION 5.** A new section to chapter 54-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Transfer of legacy fund earnings - Limitations.**

Fifty percent of any legacy fund earnings transferred to the general fund at the end of each biennium in accordance with section 26 of article X of the Constitution of North Dakota must be transferred immediately by the state treasurer to the legacy income tax rate reduction fund. The state treasurer may not transfer legacy fund earnings to the income tax rate reduction fund if the amount of legacy fund earnings to be transferred to the legacy income tax rate reduction fund is less than fifty million dollars."

Page 2, line 18, replace "one hundred twenty thousand six hundred" with "one hundred twenty thousand fourteen"

Page 2, after line 18, insert:

**"SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Sections 4 and 5 of this Act become effective on June 1, 2021."

Re-number accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**Senate Bill No. 2006 - State Tax Commissioner - House Action**

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$21,724,004	\$22,938,184	(\$333,266)	\$22,604,918

Operating expenses	6,749,295	7,112,460		7,112,460
Capital assets	6,000	6,000		6,000
Homestead tax credit	14,800,000	15,800,000		15,800,000
Disabled veterans' credit	8,110,200	8,410,200		8,410,200
Total all funds	\$51,389,499	\$54,266,844	(\$333,266)	\$53,933,578
Less estimated income	125,000	125,000	0	125,000
General fund	\$51,264,499	\$54,141,844	(\$333,266)	\$53,808,578
FTE	133.00	123.00	0.00	123.00

### Department 127 - State Tax Commissioner - Detail of House Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Salary Increases <sup>1</sup>	Reduces Funding for Temporary Employees <sup>2</sup>	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	\$57,520	(\$390,786)	(\$333,266)
Operating expenses			
Capital assets			
Homestead tax credit			
Disabled veterans' credit			
Total all funds	\$57,520	(\$390,786)	(\$333,266)
Less estimated income	0	0	0
General fund	\$57,520	(\$390,786)	(\$333,266)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding is adjusted to provide employee salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200, and a 2.5 percent salary increase on July 1, 2020. The Senate provided funding for salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, and 3 percent on July 1, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Funding for temporary employees is reduced by \$390,786 to provide total funding of \$258,534. The Senate provided \$649,320.

This amendment also:

- Adds three new sections to create a legacy income tax rate reduction fund; to transfer 50 percent of the legacy fund earnings at the end of the biennium to the newly created fund; and to provide an effective date of June 1, 2021. The Senate did not include these provisions. The transfer of legacy fund earnings to the legacy income tax rate reduction fund will reduce general fund revenues in the 2019-21 biennium.
- Includes a section to provide the statutory changes necessary to increase the Tax Commissioner's salary from the current salary of \$114,791 to \$117,087 (2 percent) in fiscal year 2020 and to \$120,014 (2.5 percent) in fiscal year 2021. The Senate included statutory changes necessary to increase the Tax Commissioner's salary by 2 percent in fiscal year 2020 and by 3 percent in fiscal year 2021.

### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**SB 2017, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Delzer, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2017 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, remove lines 13 through 24

Page 2, replace lines 1 and 2 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$29,854,874	\$1,642,862	\$31,497,736
Operating expenses	15,338,130	611,039	15,949,169
Capital assets	6,080,956	(163,065)	5,917,891
Grants - Game and fish	9,650,184	(1,103,019)	8,547,165
Land habitat and deer depredation	17,824,177	(164,168)	17,660,009
Noxious weed control	725,000	0	725,000
Missouri River enforcement	283,857	4,211	288,068
Grants, gifts, and donations	802,201	(268,469)	533,732
Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000	(20,000)	100,000
Lonetree reservoir	1,798,119	36,743	1,834,862

Wildlife services	500,000	0	500,000
Shooting sports grant program	<u>250,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>250,000</u>
Total special funds	\$83,227,498	\$576,134	\$83,803,632
Full-time equivalent positions	163.00	0.00	163.00"

Renumber accordingly

#### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

#### Senate Bill No. 2017 - Game and Fish Department - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$29,854,874	\$30,926,254	\$571,482	\$31,497,736
Operating expenses	15,338,130	16,504,857	(555,688)	15,949,169
Capital assets	6,080,956	5,917,891		5,917,891
Grants - Game and fish	9,650,184	8,547,165		8,547,165
Land habitat and deer depredation	17,824,177	17,658,981	1,028	17,660,009
Noxious weed control	725,000	725,000		725,000
Missouri River enforcement	283,857	288,000	68	288,068
Grants - Gifts - Donations	802,201	533,620	112	533,732
Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000	100,000		100,000
Lonetree reservoir	1,798,119	1,834,367	495	1,834,862
Wildlife services	500,000	500,000		500,000
Shooting sports grant program	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>		<u>250,000</u>
Total all funds	\$83,227,498	\$83,786,135	\$17,497	\$83,803,632
Less estimated income	<u>83,227,498</u>	<u>83,786,135</u>	<u>17,497</u>	<u>83,803,632</u>
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	163.00	160.00	3.00	163.00

#### Department 720 - Game and Fish Department - Detail of House Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases <sup>1</sup>	Removes IT Unification <sup>2</sup>	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	\$22,222	\$549,260	\$571,482
Operating expenses		(555,688)	(555,688)
Capital assets			
Grants - Game and fish			
Land habitat and deer depredation	1,028		1,028
Noxious weed control			
Missouri River enforcement	68		68
Grants - Gifts - Donations	112		112
Nongame wildlife conservation			
Lonetree reservoir	495		495
Wildlife services			
Shooting sports grant program			
Total all funds	\$23,925	(\$6,428)	\$17,497
Less estimated income	<u>23,925</u>	<u>(6,428)</u>	<u>17,497</u>
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	3.00	3.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding is added to provide for employee salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200, and an increase of 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020. The Senate provided funding for salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, and 3 percent on July 1, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Three FTE positions transferred to the Information Technology Department by the Senate for the IT unification project are restored, resulting in an increase to salaries and wages of \$549,260 and a decrease to operating expenses of \$555,688.

#### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**SB 2022, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Delzer, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (17 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2022 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.**

Page 1, line 2, remove "to provide for a report to the legislative assembly;"

Page 1, replace lines 8 through 15 with:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and wages	\$4,425,570	\$502,660	\$4,928,230
Operating expenses	862,484	26,450	888,934
Capital assets	0	0	0
Contingencies	52,000	0	52,000
Total special funds	\$5,340,054	\$529,110	\$5,869,164
Full-time equivalent positions	19.00	1.00	20.00"

Page 1, remove lines 16 through 24

Page 2, remove lines 1 and 2

ReNUMBER accordingly

#### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

#### Senate Bill No. 2022 - Retirement and Investment Office - House Action

	<u>Base Budget</u>	<u>Senate Version</u>	<u>House Changes</u>	<u>House Version</u>
Salaries and wages	\$4,425,570	\$4,986,508	(\$58,278)	\$4,928,230
Operating expenses	862,484	3,538,934	(2,650,000)	888,934
Capital assets		6,300,000	(6,300,000)	
Contingencies	52,000	82,000	(30,000)	52,000
Total all funds	\$5,340,054	\$14,907,442	(\$9,038,278)	\$5,869,164
Less estimated income	5,340,054	14,907,442	(9,038,278)	5,869,164
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	19.00	20.00	0.00	20.00

#### Department 190 - Retirement and Investment Office - Detail of House Changes

	<u>Adjusts Funding for Salary Increases<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Adjust Funding for Contingencies<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Removes One-Time Funding for Teachers' Fund for Retirement Project<sup>3</sup></u>	<u>Total House Changes</u>
Salaries and wages	(\$8,278)		(\$50,000)	(\$58,278)
Operating expenses			(2,650,000)	(2,650,000)
Capital assets			(6,300,000)	(6,300,000)
Contingencies		(\$30,000)		(30,000)
Total all funds	(\$8,278)	(\$30,000)	(\$9,000,000)	(\$9,038,278)
Less estimated income	(8,278)	(30,000)	(9,000,000)	(9,038,278)
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding is adjusted to provide employee salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200, and 2.5 percent salary increase on July 1, 2020, to provide a total of \$133,673 for state employee salary increases. The Senate provided funding for a 2 percent salary increase on July 1, 2019, and a 3 percent salary increase on July 1, 2020, to provide a total of \$141,951 for state employee salary increases.

<sup>2</sup> Funding of \$30,000 for contingencies added by the Senate is removed by the House to provide a total contingencies appropriation of \$52,000.

<sup>3</sup> One-time funding of \$9 million is removed for a Teachers' Fund for Retirement pension administration project that was included in the Senate version.

#### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**SB 2034, as engrossed: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2034 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.**

Page 1, line 1, after "62.1-02-01" insert ", a new subsection to section 62.1-02-05,"

Page 1, line 3, after the semicolon insert "to amend and reenact subsection 1 of the new section to chapter 62.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code as created by section 1 of House Bill No. 1332, as approved by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly, relating to the carrying of a concealed firearm on school property by qualified individuals;"

Page 2, line 11, after "service-related" insert "physical"

Page 3, after line 17, insert:

**"SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of the new section to chapter 62.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code as created by section 1 of House Bill No. 1332, as approved by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly, is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. The superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the department of emergency services and the attorney general, shall adopt rules to administer this section and develop criteria for approval of plans under this section."

Page 4, after line 13, insert:

**"SECTION 5.** A new subsection to section 62.1-02-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

This section does not prevent the governing body of a school or the entity exercising control over a publicly owned or operated building or property from authorizing the use of a less than lethal weapon as part of the security plan for the school, building, or property."

Renumber accordingly

#### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**SB 2139: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2139 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 1, remove "61-02-01.3,"

Page 1, line 1, after the third comma insert "61-02-04, 61-02-07,"

Page 1, line 2, after "duties" insert "and membership"

Page 1, remove lines 5 through 16

Page 2, line 5, overstrike "and" and insert immediately thereafter an underscored comma

Page 2, line 5, overstrike "including" and insert immediately thereafter "and"

Page 2, line 8, after the period insert "Snagging and clearing of watercourses are not regular maintenance."

Page 3, line 28, remove the overstrike over ~~"Water conveyance project" means any~~

Page 3, line 28, after "~~bank~~" insert "assessment drain, stream bank"

Page 3, line 28, remove the overstrike over "~~stabilization, or~~"

Page 3, remove the overstrike over line 29

Page 3, line 30, remove the overstrike over "44."

Page 4, after line 14, insert:

**"SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-02-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**61-02-04. State water commission - Members - Terms - Qualifications.**

The state water commission consists of the governor, agriculture commissioner, and ~~seven~~eight other members appointed by the governor who shall take into account reasonable geographic considerations in making the appointments with the intent of having each of the ~~seven~~eight major drainage basins represented by a commissioner who resides in the basin. The major drainage basins are the upper Missouri River basin; the lower Missouri River basin; the James River basin; the upper Red River basin; the lower Red River basin; the Mouse River basin; ~~and~~; the Devils Lake basin; ~~and the Little Missouri River, upper Heart River, and upper Cannonball River basin.~~ The governor or the agriculture commissioner, or both, may appoint a representative to serve in that official's capacity at meetings that official is unable to attend. The ~~seven~~eight appointive members of the commission must be appointed for a term of six years each with the terms of office so arranged that ~~two~~ terms and not more than ~~three~~four terms expire on the first day of July of each odd-numbered year. Each appointive member must be a qualified elector of the state and is subject to removal by judicial procedure. In case of a vacancy, the vacancy must be filled by appointment by the governor for the remainder of the unexpired term. Before entering upon the discharge of official duties, each appointive member shall take, subscribe, and file with the secretary of state the oath prescribed for civil officers.

**SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-02-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**61-02-07. Quorum - What constitutes.**

A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum, and the affirmative or negative vote of ~~five~~six members is necessary to bind the commission except for adjournment."

Page 5, line 12, overstrike "operation,"

Page 5, line 12, after "and" insert "extraordinary"

Page 5, line 13, overstrike "and private"

Page 5, line 15, overstrike "or" and insert immediately thereafter ", regular"

Page 5, line 15, overstrike "including" and insert immediately thereafter "or"

Page 5, line 16, overstrike the second "of"

Page 5, line 16, after "project" insert "for"

Page 5, line 17, remove "or other man-made projects"

Page 5, line 17, after the period insert "Snagging and clearing of watercourses are not regular maintenance."

Renumber accordingly

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2140, as engrossed: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2140 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.**

Page 1, line 1, after "Act" insert "to create and enact a new section to chapter 19-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the disclosure of registered qualifying patients to the bureau of criminal investigation; and"

Page 1, after line 3, insert:

"**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 19-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Data - Disclosure - Bureau of criminal investigation.**

Notwithstanding section 19-24.1-37, upon request from the bureau of criminal investigation, the department shall disclose the name, date of birth, and driver's license number of all registered qualifying patients for the sole purpose of determining eligibility and compliance with chapter 62.1-04."

Renumber accordingly

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2265, as reengrossed and amended: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Delzer, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (18 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Reengrossed SB 2265, as amended, was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

In lieu of the amendments adopted by the House as printed on pages 1352-1365 of the House Journal, Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 2265 is amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "Act" insert "to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-02 and section 15.1-27-04.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to state school aid local property tax effort and credentialing of title I certified teachers and coordinators;"

Page 1, line 1, after "sections" insert "15.1-06-04, 15.1-07-34,"

Page 1, line 1, replace the second "and" with a comma

Page 1, line 1, after "15.1-27-04.1" insert ", 15.1-27-35, 15.1-29-02.1, 15.1-29-12, and 57-15-14.2"

Page 1, line 2, after "to" insert "teacher professional development days in the school calendar, youth behavioral health training,"

Page 1, line 2, replace "and" with a comma

Page 1, line 3, after "districts" insert ", the calculation of average daily membership, a cross-border attendance contract with South Dakota, the determination of tuition payments, and school district levies"

Page 1, line 4, remove "and"

Page 1, line 4, remove the second "an"

Page 1, line 4, replace "date" with "dates; and to provide an expiration date"

Page 1, after line 5, insert:

"**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Credentials for teachers and coordinators of title I.**

The superintendent of public instruction shall create a process to reinstate and recertify title I credentials for individuals in the state who held a valid certification, issued by the department of public instruction, as of July 1, 2018. A school district may advertise employment for a title I certified teacher each year until the position is filled. The board of a school district may authorize the hiring of a teacher who is not certified as a title I teacher for the school year if the school district fails to receive applications from qualified applicants to fill the advertised position by July 1.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-06-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15.1-06-04. School calendar - Length.**

1. A school district shall provide for a school calendar that includes:
  - a. At least one hundred seventy-five days nine hundred sixty-two and one-half hours of instruction for elementary school students and one thousand fifty hours of instruction for middle and high school students;
  - b. Three holidays, as selected by the board ~~in consultation with district teachers~~ from the list provided for in subdivisions b through j of subsection 1 of section 15.1-06-02;
  - c. No more than two days for:
    - (1) Parent-teacher conferences; or
    - (2) Compensatory time for parent-teacher conferences held outside of regular school hours; and
  - d. At least ~~two~~three days of professional development.
2. ~~A~~
  - a. For the first two days of professional development required by subsection 1, a day of professional development must consist of:
    - (1) Six hours of professional development, exclusive of meals and other breaks, conducted within a single day;
    - (2) Six hours of cumulative professional development conducted under the auspices of a professional learning community; or
    - (3) Two four-hour periods of professional development, exclusive of meals and other breaks, conducted over two days.
  - b. If a school district offers a four-hour period of professional development, as permitted in this subsection, the school district may schedule instruction during other available hours on that same day and be credited with providing one-half day of instruction to students. This subdivision does not apply unless the one-half day of instruction equals at least one-half of the time required for a full day of instruction, as defined in this section.
3. If because of weather a school must dismiss before completing a full day of instruction, the school is responsible for making up only those hours and portions of an hour between the time of early dismissal and the conclusion of a full day of classroom instruction.
4. For purposes of this section, a full day of instruction consists of:
  - a. At least five and one-half hours for kindergarten and elementary students, during which time the students are required to be in attendance for the purpose of receiving curricular instruction; and
  - b. At least six hours for high school students, during which time the students are required to be in attendance for the purpose of receiving curricular instruction.
5. Any school district intending to operate under a four-day week must file and be approved for a waiver with the superintendent of public instruction.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-07-34 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15.1-07-34. Provision of youth behavioral health training to teachers, administrators, and ancillary staff.**

1. Every two years, each school district shall provide a minimum of eight hours of professional development on youth behavioral health to elementary, middle, and high school teachers, and administrators. Each school district shall encourage ancillary and support staff to participate in the professional development. Based on the annual needs assessment of the school district, these hours must be designated from the following categories:
  - a. Trauma;
  - b. Social and emotional learning, including resiliency;
  - c. Suicide prevention;
  - d. Bullying;
  - e. Understanding of the prevalence and impact of youth behavioral health wellness on family structure, education, juvenile services, law enforcement, and health care and treatment providers;
  - f. Knowledge of behavioral health symptoms, and risks;
  - g. Awareness of referral sources and evidence-based strategies for appropriate interventions; or
  - h. Other evidence-based strategies to reduce risk factors for students; or
  - i. Current or new evidence-based behavior prevention or mitigation techniques.
2. Each school district shall report the professional development hours to the department of public instruction.
3. The superintendent of public instruction shall collaborate with regional education associations to disseminate information, training materials, and notice of training opportunities to school districts and nonpublic schools."

Page 3, line 3, after the underscored semicolon insert "and"

Page 3, line 4, replace "1.00" with "0.50"

Page 3, line 6, remove " and"

Page 3, remove lines 7 through 11

Page 3, line 12, remove "students"

Page 3, after line 15, insert:

**"SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-27-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15.1-27-03.1. Weighted average daily membership - Determination.**

1. For each school district, the superintendent of public instruction shall multiply by:

- a. 1.00 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an extended educational program in accordance with section 15.1-32-17;
- b. 0.60 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a summer education program, including a migrant summer education program;
- c. 0.40 the number of full-time equivalent students who:
  - (1) On a test of English language proficiency approved by the superintendent of public instruction are determined to be least proficient and placed in the first of six categories of proficiency; and
  - (2) Are enrolled in a program of instruction for English language learners;
- d. 0.28 the number of full-time equivalent students who:
  - (1) On a test of English language proficiency approved by the superintendent of public instruction are determined to be more proficient than students placed in the first of six categories of proficiency and therefore placed in the second of six categories of proficiency; and
  - (2) Are enrolled in a program of instruction for English language learners;
- e. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students under the age of twenty-one enrolled in grades nine through twelve in an alternative high school;
- f. 0.20 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a home-based education program and monitored by the school district under chapter 15.1-23;
- g. 0.17 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an early childhood special education program;
- h. 0.15 the number of full-time equivalent students in grades six through eight enrolled in an alternative education program for at least an average of fifteen hours per week;
- i. 0.10 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership, if the district has fewer than one hundred students enrolled in average daily membership and the district consists of an area greater than two hundred seventy-five square miles [19424.9 hectares], provided that any school district consisting of an area greater than six hundred square miles [155399 hectares] and enrolling fewer than fifty students in average daily membership must be deemed to have an enrollment equal to fifty students in average daily membership;
- j. 0.082 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership, in order to support the provision of special education services;
- k. 0.07 the number of full-time equivalent students who:
  - (1) On a test of English language proficiency approved by the superintendent of public instruction are determined to be more proficient than students placed in the second of six categories of proficiency and therefore placed in the third of six categories of proficiency;

- (2) Are enrolled in a program of instruction for English language learners; and
  - (3) Have not been in the third of six categories of proficiency for more than three years;
- i. 0.025 the number of students representing that percentage of the total number of students in average daily membership which is equivalent to the three-year average percentage of students in grades three through eight who are eligible for free or reduced lunches under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act [42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.];
  - m. 0.002 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership in a school district that is a participating member of a regional education association meeting the requirements of chapter 15.1-09.1; ~~and~~
  - n. ~~0.500.60~~ the number of students by which the district's September tenth enrollment report exceeds the number of students in the prior year's average daily membership increasing the factor annually by 0.10, not to exceed 1.00; and
  - o. For districts paid based on September tenth enrollment in the prior year. 0.50 the number of students determined by deducting the number of students in the prior year's September tenth enrollment from the prior year's average daily membership, increasing the factor annually by 0.10, not to exceed 1.00. If the prior year's September tenth enrollment exceeds the prior year's average daily membership, then a deduction of 0.50 the number of excess students, increasing the factor annually by 0.10, not to exceed 1.00.
2. The superintendent of public instruction shall determine each school district's weighted average daily membership by adding the products derived under subsection 1 to the district's average daily membership."

Page 3, line 23, overstrike "2012-13" and insert immediately thereafter "2018-19"

Page 3, line 24, overstrike "The district's 2012-13 mill levy reduction grant, as determined in accordance with"

Page 3, overstrike line 25

Page 3, line 26, overstrike "c."

Page 3, line 26, overstrike "that raised by the district's 2012 general fund levy or that"

Page 3, overstrike line 27

Page 3, line 28, overstrike "is less" and insert immediately thereafter "the property tax deducted by the superintendent of public instruction to determine the 2018-19 state aid payment"

Page 3, overstrike lines 29 and 30

Page 4, overstrike line 1

Page 4, line 2, overstrike "program levy;"

Page 4, line 3, overstrike "f." and insert immediately thereafter "c."

Page 4, line 4, replace "2012-13" with "2017-18"

Page 5, line 1, replace "g." with "d."

Page 5, line 2, replace "2012-13" with "2017-18"

Page 5, line 9, overstrike "2012-13" and insert immediately thereafter "2017-18"

Page 5, line 11, overstrike "In"

Page 5, line 11, after "~~2017-18~~" insert "For the"

Page 5, line 11, after "2019-20" insert "school year"

Page 5, line 11, overstrike "multiply the" and insert immediately thereafter "calculate state aid as the greater of:

(1) The

Page 5, line 12, after "units" insert "multiplied"

Page 5, line 12, overstrike the period

Page 5, overstrike line 13

Page 5, line 14, overstrike "equal to the greater of:" and insert immediately thereafter an underscored semicolon

Page 5, line 15, replace "(1)" with "(2)"

Page 5, line 15, overstrike "eight" and insert immediately thereafter "one"

Page 5, line 17, overstrike "from the previous school year" and insert immediately thereafter ", not to exceed the district's 2017-18 baseline weighted student units, plus any weighted student units in excess of the 2017-18 baseline weighted student units multiplied by nine thousand eight hundred thirty-nine dollars"

Page 5, line 18, replace "(2)" with "(3)"

Page 5, line 24, overstrike "In"

Page 5, line 24, after "~~2018-19~~" insert "For the"

Page 5, line 24, after "2020-21" insert "school year"

Page 5, line 26, remove "one"

Page 5, line 27, overstrike "hundred"

Page 5, line 27, replace "thirty-four" with "thirty-six"

Page 5, line 29, remove "or"

Page 5, line 30, remove "The amount in paragraph 1 plus the greater of:"

Page 6, line 1, overstrike "(a)"

Page 6, line 1, overstrike "eight" and insert immediately thereafter "two"

Page 6, line 3, overstrike "from the previous school year"

Page 6, remove line 4

Page 6, line 5, replace "percent in 2020-21 and fifteen percent each year thereafter." with ", not to exceed the district's 2017-18 baseline weighted student units, plus any weighted student units in excess of the 2017-18 baseline weighted student units multiplied by ten thousand thirty-six dollars"

Page 6, line 6, overstrike "(b)" and insert immediately thereafter "(3)"

Page 6, line 8, replace "five" with "fifteen"

Page 6, line 8, replace "in 2020-21" with "for the 2021-22 school year"

Page 6, line 8, after "each" insert "school"

Page 6, line 9, after "thereafter" insert ", and then the difference added to the amount determined in paragraph 1"

Page 6, line 11, replace "In" with "For the"

Page 6, line 11, after "2019-20" insert "school year"

Page 6, line 11, replace "forty-five" with "five"

Page 6, line 15, replace "In" with "For the"

Page 6, line 15, after "2020-21" insert "school year and each school year thereafter"

Page 6, line 16, replace "fifty" with "ten"

Page 6, line 25, after "percent" insert ", adjusted pursuant to section 15.1-27-04.3"

Page 6, line 29, replace "f" with "c"

Page 6, line 29, replace "g" with "d"

Page 6, line 29, after the period insert: "Before determining the deduction for seventy-five percent of all revenue types, the superintendent of public instruction shall adjust revenues as follows:

(1) Tuition revenue shall be adjusted as follows:

(a) In addition to deducting tuition revenue received specifically for the operation of an educational program provided at a residential treatment facility and tuition revenue received for the provision of an adult farm management program as directed in paragraph 3 of subdivision c of subsection 1, the superintendent of public instruction also shall reduce the total tuition reported by the school district by the amount of tuition revenue received for the education of students not residing in the state and for which the state has not entered a cross-border education contract; and

(b) The superintendent of public instruction also shall reduce the total tuition reported by admitting school districts meeting the requirements of subdivision e of subsection 2 of section 15.1-29-12 by the amount of tuition revenue received for the education of students residing in an adjacent school district.

(2) After adjusting tuition revenue as provided in paragraph 1, the superintendent shall reduce all remaining revenues from all revenue types by the percentage of mills levied in 2018 by the school district for sinking and interest relative to the total mills levied in 2018 by the school district for all purposes."

Page 7, after line 6, insert:

"7. For purposes of the calculation in subsection 4, each county auditor shall report the following to the superintendent of public instruction on an annual basis:

- a. The amount of revenue received by each school district in the county during the previous school year for each type of revenue identified in subdivisions c and d of subsection 1;
- b. The total number of mills levied in the previous calendar year by each school district for all purposes; and
- c. The number of mills levied in the previous calendar year by each school district for sinking and interest fund purposes.

**SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision a of subsection 4 of section 15.1-27-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- a. ~~Subtract an amount equal to sixty mills multiplied by the taxable valuation of the school district, except the amount in dollars subtracted for purposes of this subdivision may not exceed the previous year's amount in dollars subtracted for purposes of this subdivision by more than twelve percent, adjusted pursuant to section 15.1-27-04.3; and~~

**SECTION 8.** Section 15.1-27-04.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**15.1-27-04.3. Adjustment to state aid - Local property tax effort.**

If the amount subtracted from a school district's state aid payment under subdivision a of subsection 4 of section 15.1-27-04.1 is less than the amount generated by sixty mills, the superintendent of public instruction shall adjust the amount subtracted as follows:

1. For the 2020-21 school year, increase the amount subtracted by an amount equal to ten percent of the difference between the amount generated by sixty mills and the amount determined pursuant to subdivision a of subsection 4 of section 15.1-27-04.1 before adjustment under this section;
2. For the 2021-22 school year, increase the amount subtracted by an amount equal to twenty percent of the difference between the amount generated by sixty mills and the amount determined pursuant to subdivision a of subsection 4 of section 15.1-27-04.1 before adjustment under this section;
3. For the 2022-23 school year, increase the amount subtracted by an amount equal to forty percent of the difference between the amount generated by sixty mills and the amount determined pursuant to subdivision a of subsection 4 of section 15.1-27-04.1 before adjustment under this section;
4. For the 2023-24 school year, increase the amount subtracted by an amount equal to sixty percent of the difference between the amount generated by sixty mills and the amount determined pursuant to subdivision a of subsection 4 of section 15.1-27-04.1 before adjustment under this section; and
5. For the 2024-25 school year, increase the amount subtracted by an amount equal to eighty percent of the difference between the amount generated by sixty mills and the amount determined pursuant to subdivision a of subsection 4 of section 15.1-27-04.1 before adjustment under this section.

**SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-27-35 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15.1-27-35. Average daily membership - Calculation.**

1. Average daily membership is calculated at the conclusion of the school year by adding the total number of days that each student in a given grade, school, or school district is in attendance during a school calendar and the total number of days that each student in a given grade, school, or school district is absent during a school calendar, and then dividing the sum by the greater of:
  - a. The school district's calendar; or
  - b. ~~One hundred eighty-two.~~
2. For purposes of calculating average daily membership, all students are deemed to be in attendance on:
  - a. The three holidays listed in subdivisions b through j of subsection 1 of section 15.1-06-02 and selected by the school board in consultation with district teachers;
  - b. The ~~two~~ <sup>three</sup> days set aside for professional development activities under section 15.1-06-04; and
  - c. The two full days, or portions thereof, during which parent-teacher conferences are held or which are deemed by the board of the district to be compensatory time for parent-teacher conferences held outside regular school hours.
3. For purposes of calculating average daily membership:
  - a. A student enrolled full time in any grade from one through twelve may not exceed an average daily membership of 1.00. The membership may be prorated for a student who is enrolled less than full time.
  - b. A student enrolled full time in an approved regular education kindergarten program may not exceed an average daily membership of 1.00. The membership may be prorated for a student who is enrolled less than full time.
  - c. A student enrolled full time, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction, in an approved early childhood special education program may not exceed an average daily membership of 1.00. The membership may be prorated for a student who is enrolled less than full time.

**SECTION 10. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-29-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15.1-29-02.1. Cross-border attendance - Contract with South Dakota.**

1. A student who resides in a North Dakota school district contiguous to the South Dakota border may attend school in South Dakota, and a student who resides in a South Dakota school district contiguous to the North Dakota border may attend school in North Dakota, provided the superintendent of public instruction has entered into a contract with the secretary of the South Dakota department of education for the cross-border attendance of eligible students.
2. A contract entered under subsection 1 must set forth:
  - a. An application procedure;
  - b. Causes for denial of an application; and

- c. The manner and notification of acceptance.
3. A contract entered under subsection 1 must authorize the superintendent of public instruction to count any South Dakota student participating in cross-border attendance under this section for the purposes of determining the amount of state aid to which a school district in this state is entitled. The superintendent of public instruction may not count a North Dakota student participating in cross-border attendance in accordance with the contract for purposes of determining the amount of state aid to which a school district in this state is entitled.
  4. A contract entered under subsection 1 must provide that if there are more students from North Dakota than South Dakota participating in cross-border attendance under this section, the superintendent of public instruction shall forward to the secretary of the South Dakota department of education, on behalf of each excess student, an amount annually agreed to by the superintendent and the secretary as reflecting the average cost of education per student in the school districts participating in cross-border attendance in accordance with the contract. The contract must also provide that if there are more students from South Dakota than North Dakota participating in cross-border attendance under this section, the secretary shall forward to the superintendent, on behalf of each excess student, an amount annually agreed to by the superintendent and the secretary as reflecting the average cost of education per student in the school districts participating in cross-border attendance in accordance with the contract. The superintendent shall pay the cost of cross-border attendance from funds appropriated by the legislative assembly for state aid to schools. Payments received by the superintendent under this subsection shall be deposited in the general fund.
  5. ~~The superintendent of public instruction shall annually reconcile the number of students from each school district in this state who participate in cross-border attendance under this section with the number of students from school districts in South Dakota who participate in cross-border attendance under this section. The superintendent of public instruction shall withhold from each school district's state aid an amount equal to the cost incurred by the state on the part of the school district in permitting the cross-border attendance of students under this section.~~
  6. A student who requires special education services may participate in cross-border attendance under this section, provided the contract entered under subsection 1 sets forth each school district's and each state's responsibilities for payment of any excess costs incurred as a result of providing the services to the student.
  - ~~7.6.~~ Each school district may provide transportation to students participating in cross-border attendance under this section. However, the superintendent of public instruction may include only transportation provided within this state for purposes of determining the state transportation aid to which a district is entitled.
  - ~~8.7.~~ Sections 15.1-29-01 through 15.1-29-13 do not apply to students participating in cross-border attendance under this section.

**SECTION 11. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-29-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15.1-29-12. Tuition payments - Determination.**

1. Except as provided in section 15.1-29-13, a school district sending a student to another district for purposes of education shall pay the full cost of education per student incurred by the admitting district.

2.
  - a. The admitting district shall determine the cost of education per student for its kindergarten, elementary, and high school students on the basis of its average daily membership and those expenditures permitted in determining the cost of education per student in section 15.1-27-03.
  - b. To the cost of education per student, the admitting district shall add the latest available statewide average per student cost for extracurricular activities and the state average capital outlay per student. The state average capital outlay per student is determined by dividing the total of all school districts' annual expenditures for sinking and interest funds, tax receipts to the building funds, and general fund expenditures for capital outlay by the average daily membership of the state.
  - c. The admitting district shall subtract the following from the amount arrived at under subdivision b:
    - (1) The per student payment multiplied by the admitting district's school size weighting factor; and
    - (2) Any credit for taxes paid to the admitting district by the student's parent.
  - d. The amount remaining is the full cost of education per student incurred by the admitting district. The tuition amount payable for the individual student is the lesser of:
    - (1) The full cost of education per student incurred by the admitting district; or
    - (2) One hundred fifty percent of the state average full cost of education per student.
  - e. Admitting school districts shall charge the tuition amount payable determined in subdivision d multiplied by two hundred percent or four thousand dollars, whichever is greater, if the admitting school district:
    - (1) Is located in an oil-producing county;
    - (2) Is eligible to receive gross production tax revenue in lieu of property taxes;
    - (3) Is located in cities with populations over twenty-four thousand;
    - (4) Has a tax base fewer than twenty square miles;
    - (5) Levies greater than sixty mills for local property taxes;
    - (6) Has student enrollments of greater than four thousand;
    - (7) Has average student growth of over two hundred per year over the preceding five years;
    - (8) Uses portable classrooms; and
    - (9) Has enrollment exceeding school facility capacity.
3. This section does not affect the right of a school board to charge and collect tuition from students who are not residents of this state, in accordance with section 15.1-29-02.

**SECTION 12. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-15-14.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**57-15-14.2. School district levies.**

1. ~~For taxable years after 2013, the~~The board of a school district may levy a tax not exceeding the amount in dollars that the school district levied for the prior year, plus twelve percent and the dollar amount of the adjustment required in section 15.1-27-04.3, up to a levy of seventy mills on the taxable valuation of the district, for any purpose related to the provision of educational services. The proceeds of this levy must be deposited into the school district's general fund and used in accordance with this subsection. The proceeds may not be transferred into any other fund.
2. ~~For taxable years after 2013, the~~The board of a school district may levy no more than twelve mills on the taxable valuation of the district, for miscellaneous purposes and expenses. The proceeds of this levy must be deposited into a special fund known as the miscellaneous fund and used in accordance with this subsection. The proceeds may not be transferred into any other fund.
3. The board of a school district may levy no more than three mills on the taxable valuation of the district for deposit into a special reserve fund, in accordance with chapter 57-19.
4. The board of a school district may levy no more than the number of mills necessary, on the taxable valuation of the district, for the payment of tuition, in accordance with section 15.1-29-15. The proceeds of this levy must be deposited into a special fund known as the tuition fund and used in accordance with this subsection. The proceeds may not be transferred into any other fund.
5. Nothing in this section limits the board of a school district from levying:
  - a. Mills for a building fund, as permitted in sections 15.1-09-49 and 57-15-16; and
  - b. Mills necessary to pay principal and interest on the bonded debt of the district, including the mills necessary to pay principal and interest on any bonded debt incurred under section 57-15-17.1 before July 1, 2013.

**SECTION 13. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 57-15-14.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. The board of a school district may levy a tax not exceeding sixty mills. For school districts that levied at or above sixty mills the prior year, the levy may not exceed the amount in dollars that the school district levied for the prior year, plus twelve percent ~~and the dollar amount of the adjustment required in section 15.1-27-04.3~~, up to a levy of seventy mills on the taxable valuation of the district, for any purpose related to the provision of educational services. The proceeds of this levy must be deposited into the school district's general fund and used in accordance with this subsection. The proceeds may not be transferred into any other fund."

Page 7, line 8, after the first boldfaced hyphen insert "**RAPID ENROLLMENT GRANT**"

Page 8, after line 2, insert:

**"SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - FOUNDATION AID STABILIZATION FUND - MUSIC EDUCATION GRANTS.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the foundation aid stabilization fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$600,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of public instruction for the purpose of providing music education grants, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. The department shall establish award criteria,

review grant applications, and administer the grant program. A school district may not receive more than \$20,000 in grant funds. The department must report to the sixty-seventh legislative assembly regarding the grants awarded and outcomes, including the program's impact on student behavior and mental health. The funding provided in this section is considered a one-time funding item."

Page 8, remove lines 3 through 9

Page 8, line 17, replace "1" with "4"

Page 8, line 17, replace "is" with "becomes"

Page 8, line 17, after "effective" insert "on"

Page 8, line 17, after the period insert "Section 5 of this Act becomes effective on July 1, 2021. Section 12 of this Act is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018. Section 13 of this Act is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024. Section 7 of this Act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.

**SECTION 18. EXPIRATION DATE.** Section 8 of this Act is effective through June 30, 2025, and after that date is ineffective."

ReNUMBER accordingly

#### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**SB 2346, as engrossed: Agriculture Committee (Rep. D. Johnson, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (9 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2346 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 60-01, a new section to chapter 60-02, and three new sections to chapter 60-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of agriculture commissioner, licensing and bonding for cash grain brokers, and records confidentiality for warehousemen and grain buyers; and to amend and reenact section 49-02-01, subsection 1 of section 60-02-01, sections 60-02-02, 60-02-03, 60-02-04, 60-02-05.1, 60-02-07, 60-02-07.2, 60-02-09, 60-02-09.1, 60-02-10.1, 60-02-11, 60-02-14, 60-02-17, 60-02-24, 60-02-27, 60-02-35.1, 60-02-38, 60-02-40, 60-02-41, 60-02-42, 60-02.1-01, 60-02.1-02, 60-02.1-03, 60-02.1-04, 60-02.1-06, 60-02.1-07, 60-02.1-07.1, 60-02.1-08, 60-02.1-09, 60-02.1-11, 60-02.1-16, 60-02.1-17, 60-02.1-19, 60-02.1-22, 60-02.1-26, 60-02.1-27, 60-02.1-29, 60-02.1-30, 60-02.1-32, 60-02.1-33, 60-02.1-34, 60-02.1-35, 60-02.1-36, 60-02.1-37, 60-02.1-38, and 60-02.1-39, subsection 1 of section 60-04-01, and sections 60-04-03, 60-04-03.1, 60-04-03.2, 60-04-03.3, 60-04-04, 60-04-05, 60-04-06, 60-04-07, 60-04-08, 60-04-09, 60-04-10, 60-05-01, 60-05-02, 60-05-03, 60-05-04, 60-06-05, 60-06-06.1, 60-10-01, 60-10-02, 60-10-03, 60-10-05, 60-10-07, 60-10-08, 60-10-09, 60-10-10, 60-10-11, 60-10-12, 60-10-14, and 60-10-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to moving the authority over grain, grain buyers, warehousing, deposits, and warehousemen from the public service commission to the agriculture commissioner; to provide a penalty; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 49-02-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

#### **49-02-01. General jurisdiction of the public service commission over public utilities.**

The general jurisdiction of the commission shall extend to and include:

1. Contract and common carriers engaged in the transportation of persons and property, excluding air carriers.

2. Telecommunications companies engaged in the furnishing of telecommunications services as provided for in chapter 49-21.
3. Pipeline utilities engaged in the transportation of gas, oil, coal, and water.
4. Electric utilities engaged in the generation and distribution of light, heat, or power.
5. Gas utilities engaged in the distribution of natural, synthetic, or artificial gas.
6. All heating utilities engaged in the distribution of heat.
7. ~~Warehouse companies engaged in the marketing, storage, or handling of agricultural products.~~
8. All other public utilities engaged in business in this state or in any county, city, township, or other political subdivision of the state.

**SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 60-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Definition.**

For purposes of this title, "commissioner" means the agriculture commissioner.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 60-02-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. ~~"Commissioner"~~ "Commissioner" means the ~~public service-~~ agriculture commissioner.

**SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02-02. Commissioner - Powers and duties.**

~~The commissioner has the powers and duties imposed by the provisions enumerated under this chapter and the powers conferred herein devolve upon the commission.~~

**SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02-03. Duties and powers of the commissioner.**

~~The commission shall have the duty and power to~~ commissioner has the following powers and duties:

1. Exercise general supervision of the public warehouses of this state, including the handling, weighing, and storing of grain, and the management of public warehouses.
2. Investigate all complaints of fraud and injustice, unfair practices, and unfair discrimination.
3. Examine and inspect, during ordinary business hours, any licensed warehouse, including all books, documents, and records.
4. Require the filing of reports pertaining to the operation of the warehouse.
5. Make all proper rules for carrying out and enforcing any law in this state regarding public warehouses.

**SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02-04. Federal licensed inspector--~~Appointed by commission.~~**

The ~~commission~~commissioner may employ a federal licensed inspector whose duties are hereinafter prescribed and ~~such~~enumerated under this chapter and may employ other employees as ~~may be necessary~~ to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

**SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02-05.1. Notice of procedures for resolving disputes over grain.**

A public warehouse shall post a notice containing the procedures specified in section 60-02-05 for resolving disputes. The ~~commission~~commissioner shall prescribe the form of the notice and shall provide a copy of the notice to each public warehouse. The public warehouseman shall post the notice in the grain inspection room of the warehouse. The notice must specifically mention ~~that~~ the procedure for resolving disputes applies to the grade, dockage, moisture content, and protein content of grain and to the quality factors of grain for which inspection rules and grades have not been adopted by the secretary of agriculture of the United States.

**SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02-07. Public warehouse license - Fee - Financial statement.**

A license must be obtained from the ~~commission~~commissioner for each public warehouse in operation in this state.

1. a. ~~The commission shall stagger by lot the expiration date of all licenses issued for the period beginning August 1, 2015, so that one-half of all the licenses issued expire on July 31, 2016, and one-half of all the licenses issued expire on July 31, 2017. Thereafter, all~~All licenses issued under this section must be for a period of two years and terminate on the thirty-first day of July in the year of expiration.
- b. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision a, the ~~commission~~commissioner shall license a warehouse annually, for the first six years of the warehouse's operation.
- (2) An initial annual license application that becomes effective on or after June first does not expire until July thirty-first of the following calendar year.
2. No license may describe more than one public warehouse nor grant permission to operate any public warehouse other than the one described.
3. a. The annual license fee for a public warehouse is:
  - (1) ~~Three~~Four hundred dollars for a warehouse having a maximum capacity of two hundred thousand bushels [7047.8 cubic meters];
  - (2) ~~Four~~Five hundred fifty dollars for a warehouse having a capacity of more than two hundred thousand bushels [7047.8 cubic meters] but not more than five hundred thousand bushels [17619.54 cubic meters]; and
  - (3) ~~Five~~Six hundred fifty dollars for a warehouse having a capacity of more than five hundred thousand bushels [17619.54 cubic meters].

- b. The biennial license fee for a public warehouse is:
- (1) ~~Six~~Seven hundred dollars for a warehouse having a maximum capacity of two hundred thousand bushels [7047.8 cubic meters];
  - (2) ~~Nine hundred~~One thousand dollars for a warehouse having a capacity of more than two hundred thousand bushels [7047.8 cubic meters] but not more than five hundred thousand bushels [17619.54 cubic meters]; and
  - (3) One thousand ~~one~~two hundred dollars for a warehouse having a capacity of more than five hundred thousand bushels [17619.54 cubic meters].
- c. An application for an annual license renewal that is received after July fifteenth must include an additional one hundred dollar fee per warehouse. An application for a biennial license renewal that is received after July fifteenth must include an additional two hundred dollar fee per warehouse.
4. If a public warehouseman operates two or more warehouses in the same city or siding, in conjunction with each other and with the same working force, and keeps one set of books and records for all such warehouses, and issues one series of scale tickets, warehouse receipts, checks, and credit-sale contracts for the grain stored and purchased therein, only one license is required for the operation of all such warehouses. When two or more warehouses are operated under one license, the license fee is based upon the combined bushel capacity of the warehouses.
5. If required to obtain United States department of agriculture approval of the ~~commission's~~commissioner's warehouse inspection program, the ~~commission~~commissioner may require that the applicant submit a current financial statement prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A financial statement furnished under this subsection is a confidential trade secret and is not a public record.

**SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02-07.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02-07.2. Receiving stations.**

A licensed public warehouseman may establish a receiving station without a separate warehouse license for that facility if all of the following conditions are met:

1. The station is colocated with another licensed public warehouse, the operator of which will take delivery of the grain on behalf of the warehouseman who established the receiving station.
2. The storage space used by the receiving station is used solely by the receiving station and is not licensed as part of the warehouse that is located at that site.
3. The grain taken in by the receiving station is not commingled with other grain at that site.
4. The warehouseman establishing the station requests and receives ~~commission~~ permission from the commissioner to increase licensed capacity to include the space to be used at the receiving station.
5. Grain received at the receiving station is recorded on scale tickets issued by the warehouseman who established the station and is covered by that warehouseman's bond.

6. Warehouse-receipted grain received at the receiving station is available for redelivery to the receipt holder at that location even if the station has been closed. A charge for redelivery must be stated in the warehouseman's redelivery policy.

The storage space used by a receiving station need not be physically disconnected from the facilities of the other licensed warehouse located at that site.

**SECTION 10. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02-09. Bond filed by public warehouseman.**

Before any license is effective for any public warehouseman under this chapter, the applicant for the license shall file a bond with the ~~commission~~commissioner which must:

1. Be in a sum not less than five thousand dollars for any one warehouse.
2. Be continuous, unless the corporate surety by certified mail notifies the licensee and the ~~commission~~commissioner the surety bond will be canceled ninety days after receipt of the notice of cancellation.
3. Run to the state of North Dakota for the benefit of all persons storing or selling grain in that warehouse.
4. Be conditioned:
  - a. For the faithful performance of the licensee's duties as a public warehouseman.
  - b. For compliance with the provisions of law and the rules of the ~~commission~~commissioner relating to the storage and purchase of grain by such warehouseman.
5. Specify the location of each public warehouse intended to be covered by such bond.
6. Be for the specific purpose of:
  - a. Protecting the holders of outstanding receipts.
  - b. Covering the costs incurred by the ~~commission~~commissioner in the administration of chapter 60-04 in the event of the licensee's insolvency.
7. Not accrue to the benefit of any person entering into a credit-sale contract with a public warehouseman.
8. The aggregate liability of the surety under a bond does not accumulate for each successive annual license renewal period during which the bond is in force but, for losses during any annual license renewal period, is limited in the aggregate to the bond amount stated or changed by appropriate endorsement or rider.

The ~~commission~~commissioner shall set the amount of the bond and may require an increase in the amount of any bond, from time to time, as the ~~commission~~commissioner deems necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section. The surety on the bond must be a corporate surety company, approved by the ~~commission~~commissioner, and authorized to do business within the state. The ~~commission~~commissioner may accept cash, a negotiable instrument, or a bond executed by personal sureties in lieu of a surety bond ~~whenif~~, in ~~its~~the ~~commissioner's~~commissioner's judgment, the cash, negotiable instrument, or personal surety bond properly will protect the holders of outstanding receipts. One bond only may be

given for any line of elevators, mills, or warehouses, owned, controlled, or operated by one individual, firm, corporation, or limited liability company, and the bond must be construed to cover ~~such~~the elevators, mills, or warehouses, as a whole and not a specific amount for each.

**SECTION 11. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02-09.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02-09.1. Bond cancellation - Release of surety.**

The surety on a bond is released from all future liability accruing on the bond after the expiration of ninety days from the date of receipt by the ~~commission~~commissioner of notice of cancellation by the surety or on a later date specified by the surety. This provision does not operate to relieve, release, or discharge the surety from any liability already accrued or which accrues before the expiration of the ninety-day period. Unless the warehouseman files a new bond at least thirty days before liability ceases, the ~~commission~~commissioner, without hearing, shall immediately suspend the warehouseman's license and the suspension may not be removed until a new bond has been filed and approved by the ~~commission~~commissioner. ~~When~~If a license is so suspended, the warehouseman shall give notice of such suspension to each receipt holder having grain stored in the warehouse. The warehouseman shall further notify each receipt holder having grain stored in the warehouse that the grain must be removed from the warehouse or ~~if~~the grain will be priced and redeemed in cash in accordance with section 60-02-41.

**SECTION 12. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02-10.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02-10.1. Revocation and suspension.**

The ~~commission~~commissioner may suspend or revoke the license of any warehouseman for cause upon notice and hearing. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the license of a warehouseman must automatically be suspended for failure at any time to have or to maintain either a bond or insurance policy in the amount and type required. During a suspension of a license the warehouseman may, upon the ~~commission's~~commissioner's approval, operate the warehouse and purchase or redeliver grain previously received, but may not receive additional grain for purchase, storage, shipping, or processing. Grain may be sold only with the prior approval of the ~~commission~~commissioner.

**SECTION 13. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02-11. Scale ticket - Contents - Conversion.**

1. a. Every public warehouseman, upon receiving grain into the warehouse, shall issue a uniform scale ticket for each load of grain received. The scale tickets must be numbered consecutively, and one copy of each ticket must be retained and remain as a permanent record. The original ticket must be delivered to the person from whom the grain is received, upon receipt of each load of grain.
- b. All scale tickets must be converted into cash, noncredit-sale contracts, credit-sale contracts, or warehouse receipts, within forty-five days after the grain is delivered to the warehouse, unless:
  - (1) The person to whom the scale ticket is issued signs a form waiving all rights to trust benefits under section 60-04-03.1;
  - (2) The form identifies by number each scale ticket to which the waiver applies; and
  - (3) The form is signed by the warehouseman.

- c. The ~~commission~~commissioner shall prepare the waiver form required by subdivision b and make the form available to each warehouse.
  - d. The warehouseman shall keep one copy of the signed waiver form with the records of the warehouse, provide one copy to the person who was issued the scale ticket and signed the form, and file one copy with the ~~commission~~commissioner.
2. Nothing in this chapter requires a warehouseman to receive grain for storage. A warehouseman shall publish and post, in a conspicuous place in the warehouse, a publication identifying whether storage will be available to patrons or whether grain will be accepted via cash or a credit-sale contract arrangement.

**SECTION 14. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02-14. Warehouse receipts - Copy.**

Provision ~~shall~~must be made for a stub record or copy of each warehouse receipt issued by a warehouseman, showing:

1. The serial number and date of receipt.
2. The kind and grade of grain.
3. The dockage and net weight of the grain.

The record or copy ~~shall~~must remain in the possession of the warehouseman for inspection by the ~~commission~~commissioner and persons properly interested.

**SECTION 15. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02-17. Warehouse and storage contract - Storage rates - Terminal delivery.**

1. A warehouse receipt must contain, either on its face or reverse side, the following warehouse and storage contract:

This grain is received, insured, and stored subject to the laws and rules of the state of North Dakota, the terms of this contract, and the charges and conditions stated herein and as filed with the North Dakota ~~public service~~agriculture commissioner. Upon surrender of this receipt and payment or tender of all applicable charges, the amount, kind, and grade of grain identified in this receipt will be delivered to the person named above or the person's order as rapidly as due diligence, care, and prudence will permit. At the option of the holder of this receipt, the amount, kind, and grade of grain for which this receipt is issued, upon demand, must be delivered back to the holder at any terminal point customarily shipped to, or at the place where received, upon the payment of any charges for receiving, handling, storage, and insurance and in case of terminal delivery, the payment in addition to the above of the regular freight charges on the gross amount called for by this ticket or in lieu thereof, a receipt issued by a bonded warehouse or elevator company doing business at the terminal point. This receipt does not require the delivery of the identical grain specified herein, but an equal amount of grain of the same kind and grade must be delivered.

2. A warehouseman shall publish and post, in a conspicuous place in its warehouse, the fees that will be assessed for receiving, storing, processing, or redelivering grain and the termination date of its warehouse receipts. This publication must be filed with the ~~commission~~commissioner as a part of the warehouse license process or

annual renewal. The fees and termination date must be stated on the warehouse receipt issued for the grain. The fees or termination date may be changed upon filing a revised publication with the ~~commission~~commissioner.

**SECTION 16. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02-24 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02-24. Reports to be made by public warehouseman - Penalty for failure.**

Each licensed and bonded public warehouseman shall:

1. Prepare for each month a report giving facts and information called for on the form of report prepared by the ~~commission~~commissioner. The report must contain or be verified by a written declaration ~~that it~~the report is made under the penalties of perjury. The report may be called for more frequently if the ~~commission~~commissioner deems it necessary. Information pertaining to the volume of grain handled is a confidential trade secret and is not a public record. The ~~commission~~commissioner may make the information available for use by other governmental entities, but the ~~commission~~commissioner may not release the information in a manner that jeopardizes the confidentiality of individual licensees.
2. File the report with the ~~commission~~commissioner not later than the last day of the following month, and failure to file this report promptly will be considered cause for revoking the warehouse license after due notice and hearing.
3. Keep a separate account of the grain business, if the warehouseman is engaged in handling or selling any other commodity, and under no circumstances ~~shall~~may the grain account and other accounts be mixed.

The ~~commission~~commissioner may refuse to renew a license to any public warehouseman who fails to make a required report.

**SECTION 17. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02-27. Federal grades to control - Grades to be posted.**

All public warehousemen shall purchase and store grain except dry edible beans in accordance with the official grades established from time to time by the secretary of agriculture of the United States, except as otherwise provided in rules and regulations applicable thereto adopted by federal officials pursuant to law. ~~They~~Public warehousemen shall post in a conspicuous place in ~~their~~the public warehousemen's warehouse the official grades so established and also any change that may be made from time to time. Warehousemen of dry edible beans shall purchase, store, and deliver beans in accordance with ~~their~~the policy of the warehousemen which must be filed with the ~~commission~~commissioner and posted in a conspicuous place in ~~their~~the warehouse of the public warehousemen. Other grading standards may be used if mutually agreed to in writing by the warehouseman and the owner of the grain. However, the owner may demand the use of federal grading standards. The ~~commission~~commissioner, after hearing, may prohibit the use of nonfederal grades.

**SECTION 18. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02-35.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02-35.1. Insurance - Cancellation - Suspension of license.**

An insurance company shall give at least sixty days' notice to the ~~commission~~commissioner and the insured by certified mail return receipt requested before cancellation of an insurance policy required in section 60-02-35. Unless the

warehouseman files proof of new or renewed insurance at least thirty days before the existing policy ceases, the ~~commission~~commissioner, without hearing, shall immediately suspend the warehouseman's license and the suspension may not be removed until a new policy has been filed and approved by the ~~commission~~commissioner. ~~When~~If a license is so suspended, the warehouseman shall give notice of ~~such~~the suspension to each receiptholder having grain stored in the warehouse. The warehouseman shall further notify each receiptholder having grain stored in the warehouse that the grain must be removed from the warehouse or ~~it~~the grain will be priced and redeemed in cash in accordance with section 60-02-41.

**SECTION 19. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02-38 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02-38. Refund of license fee by ~~commission~~commissioner.**

~~When~~If requested in writing, the ~~commission~~commissioner shall refund the license fee of a public warehouse, or so much as in ~~its~~the commissioner's judgment is just and reasonable, ~~when~~if satisfactory proof is furnished that the warehouse has been transferred to some other person, and the new owner has obtained a license for the same warehouse for the unexpired period for which the original license was issued. ~~When~~If a warehouse is destroyed by fire or other cause, the license fee may be prorated as the ~~commission~~commissioner may determine.

**SECTION 20. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02-40 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02-40. Transfer of warehouse - Redemption of receipts.**

~~Whenever~~If a public warehouseman desires to transfer a warehouse, either by sale or lease to any other individual, firm, or corporation, the warehouseman shall:

1. Notify the ~~commission~~commissioner first of ~~its~~the warehouseman's intention to transfer the warehouse, giving the name and address of the proposed lessee or purchaser.
2. Furnish a statement of all proper claims that may be filed or pending against the warehouseman pertaining to the storage, inspection, and marketing of grain, together with a statement of:
  - a. The number of bushels [cubic meters] of grain of each kind and grade in store in the warehouse;
  - b. The number and amount of receipts outstanding; and
  - c. The names and addresses of the receiptholders.
3. Serve notice by registered or certified mail, at least thirty days before the transfer, upon all receiptholders having claims against the warehouse to call for delivery of the grain covered by the receipts, and to pay all storage charges due, the warehouseman in such case to make no charge for redelivery. The ~~commission~~commissioner may waive the thirty-day notice period upon receipt of written consent of all receiptholders.
4. Transfer all stored grain undelivered at the expiration of such thirty-day period to ~~its~~the warehouseman's successor, if licensed, or to the nearest licensed warehouse for restorage, taking receipts for the same in favor of the owner of the grain so transferred.
5. Surrender to the ~~commission~~its commissioner the warehouseman's license for cancellation ~~and at such, at which~~ time the proposed lessee or purchaser shall file in due form for a new license and tender a new bond for review by the ~~commission, whereupon, it~~commissioner, ~~at which time, the commissioner,~~ first being duly satisfied that all the outstanding

receipts have been redeemed, or that the redemption thereof of all outstanding receipts has been provided for, the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner may permit a new license to become effective for the lessee or purchaser.

No sale, lease, or transfer of any warehouse will be recognized by the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner except when made in accordance with the provisions of this section.

**SECTION 21. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02-41 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02-41. Going out of business - Redemption of receipts.**

~~When~~If a public warehouseman ceases business through the destruction of a warehouse by fire or other cause, or through insolvency, ~~such~~the warehouseman shall redeem all outstanding unconverted scale tickets or warehouse receipts at the price prevailing on the date the warehouse was destroyed or closed because of insolvency. The holder of such receipts, upon due notice, ~~must~~shall accept this price and surrender the receipts. Any public warehouseman who voluntarily ceases business or fails to renew an existing warehouse license or whose warehouse license is revoked shall notify the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner and all outstanding receipt holders of such closing and redeem all outstanding unconverted scale tickets or warehouse receipts at the price prevailing on the date the warehouse closed or at the option of the owner of the receipt redeliver the kind, grade, and quantity of grain called for by the unconverted scale ticket or warehouse receipt. On commingled grain the value of over and under deliveries in quantity, grade, and protein ~~shall~~must be settled in cash and priced on the market on the day of closing.

**SECTION 22. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02-42 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02-42. Cease and desist.**

~~Whenever~~If an entity engages in an activity or practice ~~that is~~ contrary to the provisions of this chapter or related rules, the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner, upon ~~its~~the commissioner's own motion without complaint, with or without hearing, may order the entity to cease and desist from the activity until further order of the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner. Such orders may include any corrective action up to and including license suspensions. Cease and desist orders must be accompanied by a notice of opportunity to be heard on the order within fifteen days of the issuance of the order.

**SECTION 23.** A new section to chapter 60-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Release of records - Confidentiality.**

1. As a condition of licensure under section 60-02-07, an applicant shall agree to provide to the commissioner, upon request, any financial record the commissioner deems relevant for purposes related to:
  - a. The issuance or renewal of a public warehouse license; or
  - b. An investigation after issuance or renewal of a public warehouse license.
2. As a condition of licensure, an applicant shall file a records release with the commissioner, authorizing the commissioner to obtain from any source any financial record the commissioner deems relevant for purposes related to:
  - a. The issuance or renewal of a public warehouse license; or

- b. An investigation after issuance or renewal of a public warehouse license.
- 3. Any information obtained by the commissioner under this section is confidential and may be provided only:
  - a. To federal authorities in accordance with federal law;
  - b. To the attorney general, state agencies, and law enforcement agencies, for use in the pursuit of official duties; and
  - c. As directed by an order of a court pursuant to a showing of good cause.

**SECTION 24. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-01. Definitions.**

In this chapter, unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires:

- 1. "Cash grain broker" means a person who:
  - a. Is involved in the negotiation of cash grain transactions in the state;
  - b. Receives compensation from at least one party to the transaction; and
  - c. Does not take title to the grain and is not under any financial or contractual obligation related to the transaction.
- ~~2.~~ "~~Commission~~Commissioner" means the public-service-commission-agriculture commissioner.
- ~~2-3.~~ "Credit-sale contract" means a written contract for the sale of grain pursuant to which the sale price is to be paid or may be paid more than thirty days after the delivery or release of the grain for sale and which contains the notice provided in subsection 7 of section 60-02.1-14. If a part of the sale price of a contract for the sale of grain is to be paid or may be paid more than thirty days after the delivery or release of the grain for sale, only such part of the contract is a credit-sale contract.
- ~~3-4.~~ "Facility" means a structure in which grain purchased by a grain buyer is received or held.
- ~~4-5.~~ "Facility-based grain buyer" means a grain buyer who operates a facility licensed under the United States Warehouse Act [7 U.S.C. 241-273] where grain is received.
- ~~5-6.~~ "Grain" means wheat, durum, oats, rye, barley, buckwheat, flaxseed, speltz, safflower, sunflower seeds, tame mustard, peas, beans, soybeans, corn, clover, millet, alfalfa, and any other commercially grown grain or grass seed. "Grain" does not include grain or grass seeds owned by or in the possession of the grain buyer which have been cleaned, processed, and specifically identified for an intended use of planting for reproduction and for which a warehouse receipt has not been issued.
- ~~6-7.~~ "Grain buyer" means any person, other than a public warehouseman as defined in chapter 60-02, who purchases or otherwise merchandises grain for compensation. The term does not include:
  - a. A producer of grain who purchases grain from other producers to complete a carload or truckload in which the greater portion of the load is grain grown by the producer or on-farm feedlot operations in

which at least fifty percent of the livestock is owned by the owner of the farm.

- b. A person who is permitted to sell seed under chapter 4.1-53, if that person buys grain only for processing and subsequent resale as seed.
  - c. A person who is an authorized dealer or agent of a seed company holding a permit in accordance with section 4.1-53-38.
8. "Grain processor" means an entity that purchases grain to process into end products that are of a substantially different makeup or nature than the original grain.
- ~~7-9.~~ "Noncredit-sale contract" means a contract for the sale of grain other than a credit-sale contract.
- 8-10. "Receipts" means scale tickets, checks, or other memoranda given by a grain buyer for, or as evidence of, the receipt or sale of grain except when such memoranda was received as a result of a credit-sale contract.
- ~~9-11.~~ "Roving grain buyer" means a grain buyer who does not operate a facility where grain is received.

**SECTION 25. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-02. ~~Commission~~Commissioner - Powers and duties.**

~~The powers and duties imposed and the powers conferred by this chapter devolve upon the commission of the commissioner are enumerated in this chapter.~~

**SECTION 26. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-03. Duties and powers of the ~~commission~~commissioner.**

The ~~commission~~commissioner has the duty and power to:

1. Exercise general supervision of grain buyers of this state.
2. Investigate all complaints of fraud and injustice, unfair practices, and unfair discrimination.
3. Examine and inspect, during ordinary business hours, any books, documents, and records.
4. Make all proper rules for carrying out and enforcing any law in this state regarding grain buyers.

**SECTION 27. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-04. Federal licensed inspector--~~Appointed by commission.~~**

The ~~commission~~commissioner may employ a federal licensed inspector whose duties are hereinafter prescribed, and such ~~enumerated in this chapter and~~ may employ other employees as ~~may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.~~

**SECTION 28. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-06. Notice of procedures for resolving disputes over grain.**

A facility-based grain buyer shall post a notice containing the procedures specified in section 60-02.1-05 for resolving disputes. The ~~commission~~commissioner shall prescribe the form of the notice and shall provide a copy of the notice to each facility-based grain buyer. The facility-based grain buyer shall post the notice in the grain inspection room of the facility. The notice must specifically mention that the procedure for resolving disputes applies to the grade, dockage, moisture content, and protein content of grain and to the quality factors of grain for which inspection rules and grades have not been adopted by the secretary of agriculture of the United States.

**SECTION 29. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-07. Grain buyer license - How obtained - Fee - Financial statement.**

Grain buyers ~~must~~shall obtain an annual license from the ~~commission~~commissioner. Except as provided in this section, each license expires on July thirty-first of each year. ~~When~~If a licensee's initial license is issued effective after May thirty-first, that license expires on July thirty-first of the following year. A facility-based grain buyer ~~must~~shall obtain a license for each receiving location operated in the state. If a grain buyer operates two or more facilities in the same city or siding, in conjunction with each other and with the same working force, and where but one set of books and records is kept for all such facilities, and scale tickets and checks of but one series are issued for the grain, purchased, only one license is required for the operation of all such facilities. The annual license fee for a facility-based grain buyer is ~~three~~four hundred dollars and a license renewal application that is received after July fifteenth must be assessed an additional one hundred dollar fee per receiving location.

If required to obtain United States department of agriculture approval of the ~~commission's~~commissioner's grain buyer inspection program, the ~~commission~~commissioner may require that grain buyers submit a current financial statement prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A financial statement furnished under this section is a confidential trade secret and is not a public record.

**SECTION 30. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-07.1. Roving grain buyer license - How obtained - Fee.**

Roving grain buyers that purchase, solicit, merchandise, or take possession of grain in this state ~~must~~shall obtain an annual license from the ~~commission~~commissioner. Except as provided in this section, each license expires on July thirty-first of each year. ~~When~~If a licensee's initial license is issued effective after May thirty-first, that license expires on July thirty-first of the following year. The annual license fee for a roving grain buyer is ~~two~~three hundred dollars, and a license renewal application that is received after July fifteenth must be assessed an additional one hundred dollar fee.

**SECTION 31.** A new section to chapter 60-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Cash grain broker license - Application - Bond - How obtained - Fee - Report - Disclosure.**

1. Before conducting business in the state, a cash grain broker must submit an application to obtain an annual license from the commissioner. To conduct business in the state, a cash grain broker must also register and be in good standing with the secretary of state. Except as provided in this section, each license expires on July thirty-first of each year. When a licensee's initial license is issued effective after May thirty-first, that

- license expires on July thirty-first of the following year. The annual license fee of a cash grain broker is two hundred dollars, and a license renewal application that is received after July fifteenth must be assessed an additional one hundred dollar fee. A license issued under this section is not transferable.
2. An application for licensure must include:
    - a. The name under which the applicant intends to conduct business in the state as a cash grain broker;
    - b. The name of each partner if the cash grain broker is in a partnership;
    - c. The name of each corporate officer and the state of incorporation if the cash grain broker is a corporation;
    - d. The name of each manager and the state of organization if the cash grain broker is a limited liability company;
    - e. The mailing address of the applicant; and
    - f. The location of the principal place of business of the applicant.
  3. The commissioner may refuse to issue, renew, or may revoke a license if:
    - a. The licensee or applicant has been convicted of a criminal offense;
    - b. The licensee or applicant has failed to comply with the requirements of this section;
    - c. The commissioner has evidence the licensee negotiated in bad faith;  
or
    - d. Any other reason determined by the commissioner.
  4. A licensed cash grain broker must submit a monthly report to the commissioner by the tenth day of each month. The report must include:
    - a. The total volume of each commodity brokered in the preceding month; and
    - b. The name and contact information of any buyer who had more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars in total purchases in transactions brokered by the cash grain broker during the preceding month.
  5. A licensed cash grain broker must notify each potential commodity seller of the identity of the potential commodity buyer before the final confirmation of the transaction.
  6. Before a license is effective for a cash grain broker under this section, the licensee or applicant must file a bond with the commissioner for ten thousand dollars.

**SECTION 32. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**Grain processor license - Application - Bond - How obtained - Fee - Report - Disclosure.**

1. Before conducting business in the state, a grain processor must submit an application to obtain an annual license from the commissioner. To conduct business in the state, a grain processor must also register and be in good standing with the secretary of state. Except as provided in this section, each license expires on July thirty-first of each year. When a

licensee's initial license is issued effective after May thirty-first, that license expires on July thirty-first of the following year. The annual license fee of a grain processor is two hundred dollars, and a license renewal application that is received after July fifteenth must be assessed an additional one hundred dollar fee. A license issued under this section is not transferable.

2. An application for licensure must include:
  - a. The name under which the applicant intends to conduct business in the state as a grain processor;
  - b. The name of each partner if the grain processor is in a partnership;
  - c. The name of each corporate officer and the state of incorporation if the grain processor is a corporation;
  - d. The name of each manager and the state of organization if the grain processor is a limited liability company;
  - e. The mailing address of the applicant; and
  - f. The location of the principal place of business of the applicant.
3. The commissioner may refuse to issue, renew, or may revoke a license if:
  - a. The licensee or applicant has been convicted of a criminal offense;
  - b. The licensee or applicant has failed to comply with the requirements of this section;
  - c. The commissioner has evidence the licensee negotiated in bad faith; or
  - d. Any other reason determined by the commissioner.
4. A licensed grain processor must submit a monthly report to the commissioner by the tenth day of each month. The report must include the total volume of each commodity processed in the preceding month.
5. Before a license is effective for a grain processor under this section, the licensee or applicant must file a bond with the commissioner for ten thousand dollars.

**SECTION 33. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-08. Bond filed by grain buyer.**

Before any license is effective for any grain buyer under this chapter, the applicant for the license shall file a bond with the ~~commission~~ commissioner which must:

1. Be in a sum not less than ~~five~~ ten thousand dollars.
2. Be continuous, unless the corporate surety by certified mail notifies the licensee and the ~~commission~~ commissioner the surety bond will be canceled ninety days after receipt of the notice of cancellation.
3. Run to the state of North Dakota for the benefit of all persons selling grain to or through the grain buyer.
4. Be conditioned:

- a. For the faithful performance of the licensee's duties as a grain buyer.
  - b. For compliance with the provisions of law and the rules of the ~~commission~~commissioner relating to the purchase of grain by such grain buyer.
5. For facility-based grain buyers, specify the location of each facility intended to be covered by the bond.
  6. Be for the specific purpose of:
    - a. Protecting the sellers of grain.
    - b. Covering the costs incurred by the ~~commission~~commissioner in the administration of the licensee's insolvency.
  7. Not accrue to the benefit of any person entering ~~into~~ a credit-sale contract with a grain buyer.
  8. The aggregate liability of the surety under a bond does not accumulate for each successive annual license renewal period during which the bond is in force but, for losses during any annual license renewal period, is limited in the aggregate to the bond amount stated or changed by appropriate endorsement or rider.

The ~~commission~~commissioner may require an increase in the amount of any bond, from time to time, as ~~the~~ the commissioner deems necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section. The surety on the bond must be a corporate surety company, approved by the ~~commission~~commissioner, and authorized to do business within the state. The ~~commission~~commissioner may accept cash, a negotiable instrument, or a bond executed by personal sureties in lieu of a surety bond when, in ~~its~~ the commissioner's judgment, cash, a negotiable instrument, or a personal surety bond properly will protect the holders of outstanding receipts. Only one bond may be required for any series of facilities operated by a facility-based grain buyer, and the bond must be construed to cover those facilities as a whole and not a specific amount for each.

**SECTION 34. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-09. Bond cancellation - Release of surety.**

The surety on a bond is released from all future liability accruing on the bond after the expiration of ninety days from the date of receipt by the ~~commission~~commissioner of notice of cancellation by the surety or on a later date specified by the surety. This provision does not operate to relieve, release, or discharge the surety from any liability already accrued or which accrues before the expiration of the ninety-day period. Unless the grain buyer files a new bond at least thirty days before liability ceases, the ~~commission~~commissioner, without hearing, shall immediately suspend the grain buyer's license and the suspension may not be removed until a new bond has been filed and approved by the ~~commission~~commissioner.

**SECTION 35. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-11. Revocation and suspension.**

The ~~commission~~commissioner may suspend or revoke the license of any grain buyer for cause upon notice and hearing. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the license of a grain buyer must automatically be suspended for failure at any time to have or to maintain either a bond or insurance policy in the amount and type required. During a suspension of a license a facility-based grain buyer, upon the ~~commission's~~commissioner's approval, may operate its facility and

purchase or redeliver grain previously received, but may not receive additional grain for purchase, shipping, or processing. Grain may be sold only with the prior approval of the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner.

**SECTION 36. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-16. Records required to be kept by grain buyers.**

Each grain buyer shall keep such accounts, records, and memoranda concerning the buyer's dealing as such grain buyer as from time to time may be required by the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner and shall make such reports of purchases of grain as may be required by the rules ~~made~~ adopted by the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner. The ~~commissioner~~ commissioner at all times shall ~~must~~ have access to such accounts, records, and memoranda.

**SECTION 37. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-17. Reports to be made by grain buyers - Penalty for failure.**

Each licensed and bonded grain buyer shall:

1. Prepare for each month a report giving facts and information called for on the form of report prepared by the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner. The report must contain or be verified by a written declaration ~~that it~~ the report is made under the penalties of perjury. The report may be called for more frequently if the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner deems it necessary. Information pertaining to the volume of grain handled is a confidential trade secret and is not a public record. The ~~commissioner~~ commissioner may make this information available for use by other governmental entities, but the information may not be released by those entities in a manner that jeopardizes the confidentiality of individual licensees.
2. File the report with the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner not later than the last day of the following month. Failure to file this report promptly will be considered cause for revoking the grain buyer license after due notice and hearing.
3. Keep a separate account of the grain business, if the grain buyer is engaged in handling or selling any other commodity, and under no circumstances may the grain account and other accounts be mixed.

The ~~commissioner~~ commissioner may refuse to renew a license to any grain buyer who fails to make a required report.

**SECTION 38. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-19. Federal grades to control - Grades to be posted.**

All grain buyers shall purchase grain, except dry edible beans, in accordance with the official grades established from time to time by the secretary of agriculture of the United States, except as otherwise provided in applicable rules and regulations ~~applicable thereto~~ adopted by federal officials pursuant to law. A facility-based grain buyer shall post in a conspicuous place in the buyer's facility the official grades so established and also any change that may be made from time to time. A grain buyer of dry edible beans shall purchase and deliver beans in accordance with the buyer's policy, which must be filed with the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner and, if applicable, posted in a conspicuous place in the buyer's facility. Other grading standards may be used if mutually agreed to in writing by the grain buyer and the owner of the grain. However, the owner may demand the use of federal grading standards. After hearing, the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner may prohibit the use of nonfederal grades.

**SECTION 39. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-22 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-22. Insurance - Cancellation - Suspension of license.**

An insurance company shall give at least sixty days' notice to the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner and the insured by registered mail return receipt requested before cancellation of an insurance policy required in section 60-02.1-21. Unless the grain buyer files proof of new or renewed insurance at least thirty days before the existing policy ceases, the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner, without hearing, shall immediately suspend the grain buyer's license and the suspension may not be removed until a new policy has been filed and approved by the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner.

**SECTION 40. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-26 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-26. Transfer of facility - Redemption of receipts.**

~~Whenever~~ If a facility-based grain buyer desires to transfer a facility, either by sale or lease to any other individual, firm, or corporation, the grain buyer shall:

1. Notify the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner first of its intention to transfer the facility, giving the name and address of the proposed lessee or purchaser.
2. Provide related information as may be required by the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner.
3. Surrender to the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner the grain buyer's license for cancellation and at that time the proposed lessee or purchaser shall file in due form for a new license and tender a new bond for review by the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner, whereupon, it first being duly satisfied that all the outstanding receipts have been redeemed, or that the redemption thereof has been provided for, the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner may permit a new license to become effective for the lessee or purchaser.

No sale, lease, or transfer of any facility will be recognized by the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner except when made in accordance with the provisions of this section.

**SECTION 41. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-27. Going out of business - Redemption of receipts.**

~~When~~ If a facility-based grain buyer ceases business through closure, the destruction of a facility by fire or other cause, or through insolvency, ~~such~~ the grain buyer shall redeem all outstanding receipts at the price prevailing on the date the facility was closed, destroyed, or became insolvent. The holder of ~~such~~ the receipts, upon due notice, ~~must~~ shall accept this price and surrender the receipts. Any facility-based grain buyer who voluntarily ceases business or fails to renew an existing grain buyer license or whose grain buyer license is revoked shall notify the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner and all receipt holders of such closing and redeem all such receipts at the price prevailing on the date the business closed or at the option of the owner of the receipt redeliver the kind, grade, and quantity of grain called for by the receipt. On commingled grain the value of over and under deliveries in quantity, grade, and protein ~~shall~~ must be settled in cash and priced on the market on the day of closing.

**SECTION 42. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-29. Appointment of ~~commission~~commissioner.**

Upon the insolvency of any roving grain buyer, the ~~commission~~commissioner shall apply to the district court of Burleigh County for authority to take all action necessary to act as trustee of the trust fund described in section 60-02.1-30. If the insolvency involves a facility-based grain buyer, application must be to the district court of a county in which the licensee operates a licensed facility. Upon notice to the licensee as the court prescribes, but not exceeding twenty days, or upon waiver of notice in writing by the licensee, the court shall hear and determine the application in a summary manner. If the court determines that the licensee is insolvent within the meaning of this chapter and that it would be in the best interests of the receiptholders that the ~~commission~~commissioner secure and execute the trust, the court shall issue an order granting the application, without bond, and the ~~commission~~commissioner shall proceed to exercise ~~its~~the commissioner's authority without further direction from the court.

Upon the filing of the ~~commission's~~commissioner's application, the court may issue ex parte a temporary order to preserve or protect the assets of the trust fund until the court issues ~~its~~an order granting or denying the application.

**SECTION 43. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-30 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-30. Trust fund established.**

Upon the insolvency of any licensee, a trust fund must be established for the benefit of noncredit-sale receiptholders and to pay the costs incurred by the ~~commission~~commissioner in the administration of the insolvency. The trust fund must consist of the following:

1. Nonwarehouse receipt grain of the insolvent licensee held in storage or the proceeds obtained from the conversion of such grain.
2. The proceeds, including accounts receivable, from any grain sold from the time of the filing of the claim that precipitated an insolvency until the ~~commission~~commissioner is appointed trustee must be remitted to the ~~commission~~commissioner and included in the trust fund.
3. The proceeds of insurance policies on destroyed grain.
4. The claims for relief, and proceeds ~~therefrom~~from the claims for relief, for damages upon bond given by the licensee to ensure faithful performance of the duties of a licensee.
5. The claim for relief, and proceeds ~~therefrom~~from the claim for relief, for the conversion of any grain stored in the warehouse.
6. Unencumbered accounts receivable for grain sold prior to the filing of the claim that precipitated an insolvency.
7. Unencumbered equity in grain hedging accounts.
8. Unencumbered grain product assets.

**SECTION 44. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-32 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-32. Notice to receiptholders and credit-sale contract claimants.**

Upon ~~its~~the commissioner's appointment, the ~~commission~~commissioner may take possession of relevant books and records of the licensee. If the insolvency involves a roving grain buyer, the ~~commission~~commissioner shall publish a notice of ~~its~~the commissioner's appointment once each week for two consecutive weeks in all daily newspapers in the state and may notify, by ordinary mail, the holders of record of outstanding receipts and those who are potential credit-sale contract claimants,

disclosed by the licensee's records. If the insolvency involves a facility-based grain buyer, the notice must be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper in the county in which the warehouse is located. The notice must require outstanding receiptholders and credit-sale contract claimants to file their claims with the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner along with the receipts, contracts, or other evidence of the claims required by the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner. If an outstanding receiptholder or credit-sale contract claimant fails to submit a claim within forty-five days after the last publication of the notice or a longer time set by the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner, the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner is relieved of further duty in the administration of the insolvency on behalf of the receiptholder or credit-sale contract claimant and the receiptholder may be barred from participation in the trust fund, and the credit-sale contract claimant may be barred from payment for any amount due. Outstanding receiptholders and credit-sale contract claimants are not parties to the insolvency action unless admitted by the court upon a motion for intervention.

**SECTION 45. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-33 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-33. Remedy of receiptholders.**

~~No~~ A receiptholder ~~has~~ does not have a separate claim for relief upon any insolvent licensee's bond, nor for insurance, nor against any person converting grain, nor against any other receiptholder, except through the trustee, unless, upon demand of five or more receiptholders, the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner fails or refuses to apply for ~~its~~ the commissioner's own appointment or unless the district court denies the application. This chapter does not prohibit any receiptholder, either individually or in conjunction with other receiptholders, from pursuing concurrently any other remedy against the person or property of the licensee.

**SECTION 46. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-34 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-34. ~~Commissioner~~ Commissioner to marshal trust assets.**

Upon ~~its~~ the commissioner's appointment, the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner shall marshal all of the trust fund assets. The ~~commissioner~~ commissioner may maintain suits in the name of the state of North Dakota for the benefit of all receiptholders against the licensee's bonds, insurers of grain, any person who may have converted any grain, and any person who may have received preferential treatment by being paid by the insolvent licensee after the first default.

**SECTION 47. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-35 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-35. Power of ~~commissioner~~ commissioner to prosecute or compromise claims.**

The ~~commissioner~~ commissioner may:

1. Prosecute any action provided in sections 60-02.1-28 through 60-02.1-38 in any court in this state or in any other state.
2. Appeal from any adverse judgment to the courts of last resort.
3. Settle and compromise any action ~~when~~ if it will be in the best interests of the receiptholders.
4. Settle and compromise any action ~~when~~ if it is in the best interests of the credit-sale contract claimants.
5. Upon payment of the amount of any settlement or of the full amount of any bond, exonerate the person so paying from further liability growing out of the action.

**SECTION 48. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-36. Money received by trustee - Deposited in Bank of North Dakota.**

All funds received by the ~~commission~~commissioner as trustee must be deposited in the Bank of North Dakota.

**SECTION 49. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-37 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-37. Report of trustee to court - Approval - Distribution.**

1. Upon the receipt and evaluation of claims, the ~~commission~~commissioner shall file with the court a report showing the amount and validity of each claim after recognizing:
  - a. Relevant liens or pledges.
  - b. Relevant assignments.
  - c. Relevant deductions due to advances or offsets accrued in favor of the licensee.
  - d. In case of relevant cash claims or checks, the amount of the claim.
  - e. In case of a relevant credit-sale contract or noncredit-sale contract, the amount remaining to be paid based on the terms of the contract.
2. The report must also contain the proposed reimbursement to the ~~commission~~commissioner for the expenses of administering the insolvency, the proposed distribution of the trust fund assets to receiptholders, less expenses incurred by the ~~commission~~commissioner in the administration of the insolvency, and the proposed credit-sale contract indemnity fund payments to credit-sale contract claimants. If the trust fund is insufficient to redeem all receiptholder claims in full, the report should list the funds as prorated.
3. The court shall set a hearing and the appropriate notice for interested persons to show cause why the ~~commission's~~commissioner's report should not be approved and distribution of the trust fund be made as proposed. Copies of the report and notice of hearing must be served by the ~~commission~~commissioner by certified mail upon the licensee and the surety and by ordinary mail upon all persons having claims filed with the ~~commission~~commissioner.
4. Any aggrieved person having an objection to the ~~commission's~~commissioner's report shall file the objection with the court and serve copies on the ~~commission~~commissioner, the licensee, and the surety at least twenty days before the hearing. Failure to file and serve objections in the time set is a waiver of the objection.
5. Following the hearing, the court shall approve or modify the report and issue an order directing payment of the necessary bond proceeds, distribution of the trust fund, payments from the credit-sale contract indemnity fund, and discharge of the ~~commission~~commissioner from ~~its~~the commissioner's trust.

**SECTION 50. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-38 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-38. Filing fees and court costs - Expenses.**

The ~~commission~~commissioner may not be required to pay any filing fee or other court costs or disbursements. The attorney general may appoint outside legal counsel to assist the ~~commission~~commissioner in the prosecution of the action and the cost of employing outside counsel must be paid from the trust fund and the credit-sale contract indemnity fund as appropriate. All other necessary expenses incurred by the ~~commission~~commissioner in carrying out the provisions of this chapter, including adequate insurance to protect the ~~commission, its~~commissioner, the commissioner's employees, and others engaged in carrying out the provisions of sections 60-02.1-28 through 60-02.1-38, must be reimbursed to the ~~commission~~commissioner from the trust fund and credit-sale contract indemnity funds as appropriate.

**SECTION 51. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-02.1-39 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-02.1-39. Cease and desist.**

~~Whenever~~If an entity engages in an activity or practice that is contrary to the provisions of this chapter or related rules, the ~~commission~~commissioner, upon ~~its~~the commissioner's own motion without complaint, with or without hearing, may order the entity to cease and desist from the activity until further order of the ~~commission~~commissioner. Such orders may include any corrective action up to and including license suspensions. Cease and desist orders must be accompanied by a notice of opportunity to be heard on the order within fifteen days of the issuance of the order.

**SECTION 52.** A new section to chapter 60-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Release of records - Confidentiality.**

1. As a condition of licensure under section 60-02.1-07, an applicant shall agree to provide to the commissioner, upon request, any financial record the commissioner deems relevant for purposes related to:
  - a. The issuance or renewal of a grain buyer license; or
  - b. An investigation after issuance or renewal of a grain buyer license.
2. As a condition of licensure, an applicant shall file a records release with the commissioner, authorizing the commissioner to obtain from any source any financial record the commissioner deems relevant for purposes related to:
  - a. The issuance or renewal of a grain buyer license; or
  - b. An investigation after issuance or renewal of a grain buyer license.
3. Any information obtained by the commissioner under this section is confidential and may be provided only:
  - a. To federal authorities in accordance with federal law;
  - b. To the attorney general, state agencies, and law enforcement agencies for use in the pursuit of official duties; and
  - c. As directed by an order of a court pursuant to a showing of good cause.

**SECTION 53. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 60-04-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. ~~"Commissioner"~~ means the public service-  
~~commissioner~~ agriculture commissioner.

**SECTION 54. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-04-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-04-03. Appointment of ~~commissioner~~.**

Upon the insolvency of any warehouseman, the ~~commissioner~~ shall apply to the district court of a county in which the warehouseman operates a licensed warehouse for authority to take all action necessary and appropriate to secure and act as trustee of the trust fund described in section 60-04-03.1. Upon such notice to the warehouseman as the court shall prescribe, but not exceeding twenty days, or upon waiver of such notice in writing by the warehouseman, the court shall proceed to hear and determine such application in a summary manner. If it shall appear to the court ~~that such~~ the warehouseman is insolvent within the meaning of this chapter and ~~that it would be for the best interests of the~~ receipt holders that the ~~commissioner~~ secure and execute such trust, the court shall issue an order granting the application, without bond, ~~whereupon~~ at which time the ~~commissioner~~ shall proceed to exercise its ~~the commissioner's~~ authority without further direction from the court.

Upon the filing of the ~~commissioner's~~ application, the court may issue ex parte such temporary order as may be necessary to preserve or protect the assets of the trust fund, or the value ~~thereof the trust fund~~, until the court issues ~~its~~ an order granting or denying the application.

**SECTION 55. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-04-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-04-03.1. Trust fund established.**

1. Upon the insolvency of any warehouseman, a trust fund ~~shall~~ must be established:
  - a. For the benefit of noncredit-sale receipt holders of the insolvent warehouseman, other than those who have waived their rights as beneficiaries of the trust fund in accordance with section 60-02-11; and
  - b. To pay the costs incurred by the ~~commissioner~~ in the administration of this chapter.
2. The trust fund consists of the following:
  - a. The grain in the warehouse of the insolvent warehouseman or the proceeds as obtained through the sale of such grain;
  - b. The proceeds, including accounts receivable, from any grain sold from the time of the filing of the claim that precipitated an insolvency until the ~~commissioner~~ is appointed trustee;
  - c. The proceeds of insurance policies upon grain destroyed in the elevator;
  - d. The claims for relief, and proceeds ~~therefrom~~ from the claims for relief, for damages upon any bond given by the warehouseman to ensure faithful performance of the duties of a warehouseman;
  - e. The claims for relief, and proceeds ~~therefrom~~ from the claims for relief, for the conversion of any grain stored in the warehouse;
  - f. Unencumbered accounts receivable for grain sold ~~prior to~~ before the filing of the claim that precipitated an insolvency;

- g. Unencumbered equity in grain hedging accounts; and
- h. Unencumbered grain product assets.

**SECTION 56. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-04-03.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-04-03.2. Possession of grain.**

Upon ~~its~~the commissioner's appointment by the district court, the ~~commission~~commissioner shall seek possession of the grain to be included in the trust fund. Upon ~~its~~the commissioner's possession of any grain in the warehouse, the ~~commission~~commissioner shall sell such grain and apply the proceeds to the trust fund.

**SECTION 57. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-04-03.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-04-03.3. Joinder of surety - Deposit of proceeds.**

The surety on the warehouseman's bond must be joined as a party to the insolvency proceeding upon a motion by the ~~commission~~when commissioner if the ~~commission~~commissioner believes that proceeds from the warehouseman's bond may be needed to redeem outstanding receipts issued by the warehouseman. ~~When~~If it appears in the best interests of the receiptholders, the court may order the surety to deposit the penal sum of the bond, or so much ~~thereof~~of the sum as may be deemed necessary, into the trustee's trust account pending a final determination of the surety's liability under the bond.

**SECTION 58. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-04-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-04-04. Notice to receiptholders and credit-sale contract claimants.**

Upon ~~its~~the commissioner's appointment by the district court, the ~~commission~~commissioner may take possession of relevant books and records of the warehouseman. The ~~commission~~commissioner shall cause a notice of ~~its~~the commissioner's appointment to be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper in the county in which the warehouse is located and may notify by ordinary mail the holders of record of outstanding receipts and those who are potential credit-sale contract claimants, as shown by the warehouseman's records. The notices must require outstanding receiptholders and credit-sale contract claimants to file their claims against the warehouseman with the ~~commission~~commissioner along with the receipts, contracts, or any other evidence of the claims as required by the ~~commission~~commissioner. If an outstanding receiptholder or credit-sale contract claimant fails to submit a claim within forty-five days after the last publication of the notice or a longer time as prescribed by the ~~commission~~commissioner, the ~~commission~~commissioner is relieved of further duty or action under this chapter on behalf of the receiptholder or credit-sale contract claimant and the receiptholder or credit-sale contract claimant may be barred from payment for any amount due. Outstanding receiptholders and credit-sale contract claimants are not parties to the insolvency action unless admitted by the court upon a motion for intervention.

**SECTION 59. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-04-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-04-05. Remedy of receiptholders.**

~~No~~A receiptholder ~~has~~does not have a separate claim for relief upon the warehouseman's bond, nor for insurance, nor against any person converting grain, nor against any other receiptholder, except through the trustee, unless, upon demand of five or more receiptholders, the ~~commission~~commissioner fails or refuses to apply for ~~its~~the commissioner's own appointment from the district court or unless the district court denies the application for appointment. This chapter does not

prohibit or prevent any receipt holder, either individually or in conjunction with other receipt holders, from pursuing concurrently such other remedy against the person or property of ~~such~~the warehouseman, for the whole, or any deficiency occurring in the redemption, of the receipts.

**SECTION 60. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-04-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-04-06. ~~Commission~~Commissioner to marshal trust assets.**

Upon ~~its~~the commissioner's appointment by the district court, the ~~commission~~commissioner may maintain suits at law or in equity, or any special proceeding, in the name of the state of North Dakota, upon ~~its~~the commissioner's own relation, but for the benefit of all such receipt holders against:

1. The insurers of grain;
2. The warehouseman's bond;
3. Any person who may have converted any grain; or
4. Any receipt holder who ~~shall have received~~ more than ~~its~~the receipt holder's just and pro rata share of grain,

for the purpose of marshalling all of the trust fund assets and distributing the same among the receipt holders. The ~~commission~~commissioner shall seek possession of any grain in the warehouse before recourse is had against the insurers of grain, and the remedy against the insurers of grain ~~shall~~must be exhausted before recourse is had against the bond, and against the bond before recourse is had against the person honestly converting grain, unless the ~~commission~~commissioner ~~shall deem~~deems it necessary to the redemption of the receipts that all the above remedies be pursued at the same time.

**SECTION 61. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-04-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-04-07. Power of ~~commission~~commissioner to prosecute or compromise claims.**

The ~~commission~~commissioner may:

1. Prosecute any action provided in this chapter in any court in this state or in any other state.
2. Appeal from any adverse judgment to the courts of last resort.
3. Settle and compromise any action ~~whenever~~if it is in the best interests of the receipt holders.
4. Settle and compromise any action ~~when~~if it is in the best interests of the credit-sale contract claimants.
5. Upon payment of the amount of the compromise or of the full amount of any insurance policy, bond, or conversion claim, exonerate the person so compromising or paying in full from further liability growing out of the action.

**SECTION 62. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-04-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-04-08. Money received by trustee - Deposited in Bank of North Dakota.**

All moneys collected and received by the ~~commission~~commissioner as trustee under this chapter, pending the marshalling of the fund, shallmust be deposited in the Bank of North Dakota.

**SECTION 63. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-04-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-04-09. Report of trustee to court - Approval - Distribution.**

Upon the receipt and evaluation of claims filed with ~~it~~the commissioner, the ~~commission~~commissioner shall file with the court a report showing the amount and validity of each claim after recognizing:

1. Any proper liens or pledges ~~thereon~~on the claims.
2. Assignments ~~thereof~~of the claims.
3. Deductions ~~therefrom~~from the claims by reason of advances or offsets accrued in favor of the warehouseman.
4. In case of cash claims or checks, the amount ~~thereof~~of the claims or checks.
5. In the case of scale tickets or warehouse receipts, the amount ~~thereof~~ based upon the market price prevailing on the date the ~~commission~~commissioner first received a copy of the written demand required by section 60-04-02.
6. In the case of a credit-sale or noncredit-sale contract, the amount remaining to be paid based on the terms of the contract.

The report must also contain the proposed reimbursement to the ~~commission~~commissioner for the expenses of administering the insolvency, a proposed distribution of the trust fund assets, less expenses incurred by the ~~commission~~commissioner in the administration of this chapter, and the proposed credit-sale contract indemnity fund payments to credit-sale contract claimants as ~~their~~the interests of the claimants are determined. If the trust fund is insufficient to redeem all receiptholder claims in full, the fund must be shown prorated in the report in the manner the ~~commission~~commissioner deems fair and equitable.

The court shall set a hearing and the appropriate notice for interested persons to show cause why the ~~commission's~~commissioner's report should not be approved and credit-sale contract indemnity fund payments and distribution of the trust fund be made as proposed, and payments from the credit-sale contracts be made as proposed. Copies of the report and notice of hearing must be served by the ~~commission~~commissioner by certified mail upon the warehouseman and the surety and by ordinary mail upon all persons having claims filed with the ~~commission~~commissioner.

Any aggrieved person having an objection to the ~~commission's~~commissioner's report shall file the objection with the court and serve copies on the ~~commission~~commissioner, the warehouseman, and the surety at least twenty days before the hearing. Failure to file and serve objections in the time set is a waiver of the objection.

Following hearing, the court shall approve or modify the report and issue an order directing payment of the necessary bond proceeds, distribution of the trust fund, payments from the credit-sale contract indemnity fund, and discharge of the ~~commission~~commissioner from ~~its~~the commissioner's trust.

**SECTION 64. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-04-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-04-10. Filing fees and court costs - Expenses.**

In any action in a state court in this state, the ~~commission shall~~ commissioner ~~may~~ not be required to pay any filing fee or other court costs or disbursements if the fees accrue to the county or to the state. The attorney general may employ outside legal services to assist the ~~commission~~ commissioner in the prosecution of such action as in the attorney general's judgment may be necessary and the ~~commission~~ commissioner shall deduct the expenses of the same from the trust fund and the credit-sale contract indemnity fund as appropriate. All other necessary expenses incurred by the ~~commission~~ commissioner in carrying out the provisions of this chapter, including adequate insurance to protect the ~~commission,~~ ~~its~~ commissioner, the commissioner's employees, and others engaged in carrying out the provisions of this chapter, must be reimbursed to the ~~commission~~ commissioner from the trust fund and credit-sale indemnity funds as appropriate.

**SECTION 65. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-05-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-05-01. Public elevators and warehouses - ~~Commission~~ Commissioner may require uniform accounting system.**

The ~~public service commission~~ commissioner may require every association, copartnership, corporation, or limited liability company conducting a public elevator or warehouse in this state to adopt a uniform accounting system established by ~~such~~ ~~commission~~ the commissioner.

**SECTION 66. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-05-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-05-02. Examination of financial accounts of elevator or warehouse by competent examiner - Request by percentage of stockholders.**

The ~~commission~~ commissioner may install, and ~~whenever~~ if requested by not less than fifteen percent of the partners, stockholders, or members of any association, copartnership, corporation, or limited liability company conducting such public elevator or warehouse, shall install, the uniform system of accounting mentioned in section 60-05-01. The ~~commission~~ commissioner ~~on its~~ the commissioner's own motion may, or on request of the required percentage of partners, stockholders, or members, the ~~commission~~ commissioner shall, send a competent examiner to examine the books and financial accounts of ~~such~~ the elevator or warehouse. ~~Whenever~~ if a request for the examination of the accounts of any association, copartnership, corporation, or limited liability company has been made to the ~~commission~~ commissioner, as provided for in this section, ~~an~~ ~~examination thereafter shall~~ subsequent examinations must be made at least once every year until the ~~commission shall be~~ commissioner is requested to discontinue such examination by resolution adopted by the partners, stockholders, or members at any annual meeting. ~~When~~ if such examination has been made, the examiner shall report immediately the results ~~thereof~~ of the examination to the president and the secretary of such association, copartnership, corporation, or limited liability company and to the ~~commission~~ commissioner.

**SECTION 67. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-05-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-05-03. Certificate issued by ~~commission~~ commissioner after its-examination of accounts.**

If the ~~commission~~ commissioner is satisfied from ~~its~~ the commissioner's examination that the person, association, copartnership, corporation, or limited liability company examined is solvent and ~~its~~ the method of doing business is such as is likely to be beneficial to all of its members or persons interested therein, the ~~commission~~ commissioner shall issue a certificate, countersigned by the examiner, to the agent or manager. Such certificate ~~shall~~ must be kept posted conspicuously in the warehouse or elevator of such person, association, copartnership, corporation, or limited liability company and ~~shall~~ must state:

1. That said methods of doing business are sound.
2. That such person, association, copartnership, corporation, or limited liability company is solvent.
3. That its books and accounts are kept properly.

If the affairs and methods of doing business of such person, association, copartnership, corporation, or limited liability company ~~shall~~ do not seem sound or satisfactory to the ~~commission~~, ~~it~~ commissioner, ~~the commissioner~~ shall issue a certificate or statement, countersigned by the person who made the examination, stating in what particular and in what respect the business methods practiced or methods of keeping books and accounts of such person, association, copartnership, corporation, or limited liability company are not deemed safe. The ~~commission~~ commissioner shall mail a copy of ~~said~~ the statement or certificate to each of such shareholders or stockholders as may have requested the ~~commission~~ commissioner to make such examination. The ~~commission~~ commissioner also shall send a copy thereof to the president and the secretary of such association, copartnership, corporation, or limited liability company.

**SECTION 68. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-05-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-05-04. Fees of examiner for installing and examining accounting system.**

For making installation of a uniform accounting system and examining the financial accounts of an elevator or public warehouse, an association, copartnership, corporation, or limited liability company shall pay the examiner a reasonable fee, as determined by the ~~commission~~ commissioner. In case any such association, copartnership, corporation, or limited liability company shall wrongfully refuse or neglect to pay such fees, then the ~~commission~~ commissioner may cancel the license to do business. All such fees shall be paid into the state treasury. The expenses incurred by the examiner under the provisions of this chapter ~~shall~~ must be paid out of the appropriations made by the legislative assembly for this purpose and such expenses ~~shall~~ must be audited and paid in the same manner as other expenses are audited and paid.

**SECTION 69. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-06-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-06-05. Sidetracks to be provided ~~by railroad company on its land~~.**

Every railroad company or corporation organized under the laws of this state or doing business ~~therein in this state~~, upon application in writing, shall provide reasonable sidetrack facilities and running connections between its main track and elevators and warehouses upon or contiguous to its right of way at such stations. Every such railroad corporation shall permit connections to be made and maintained in a reasonable manner with its sidetracks to and from any warehouse or elevator without reference to its size, cost, or capacity, ~~whereif~~ grain or potatoes are or may be stored. The railroad company is not required to construct or furnish any sidetracks except upon its own land or right of way. Such elevators and warehouses may not be constructed within one hundred feet [30.48 meters] of any existing structure and must be at safe fire distance from the station buildings so as not to conflict essentially with the safe and convenient operation of the road. ~~Whereif~~ stations are ten miles [16.09 kilometers] or more apart the railroad company, ~~whenif~~ required so to do by the ~~public service commission~~ commissioner, shall construct and maintain a sidetrack for the use of shippers between such stations.

**SECTION 70. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-06-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-06-06.1. Determination - Appropriation.**

Any party may petition the ~~public-service-commissioner~~ commissioner to determine rights governed under this chapter. The ~~commissioner~~ commissioner shall determine the matter in accordance with chapter 28-32 and the parties' rights of appeal are as limited by chapter 28-32. The value of a leaseholder's improvements may not be considered in determining a reasonable lease rate or selling price. The parties to such a proceeding shall pay the expenses of the proceeding, as determined by the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner, directly to the entities owed. The ~~commissioner~~ commissioner may adopt rules to carry out this section.

**SECTION 71. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-10-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-10-01. Credit-sale contracts - Assessment on grain - Submission of assessment.**

An assessment at the rate of two-tenths of one percent is placed on the value of all grain sold in this state under a credit-sale contract, as provided for in sections 60-02-19.1 and 60-02.1-14. The licensee purchasing the grain shall note the assessment on the contract required under sections 60-02-19.1 and 60-02.1-14 and shall deduct the assessment from the purchase price payable to the seller. The licensee shall submit any assessment collected under this section to the ~~public-service-commissioner~~ commissioner no later than thirty days after each calendar quarter. The ~~commissioner~~ commissioner shall deposit the assessments received under this section in the credit-sale contract indemnity fund.

**SECTION 72. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-10-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-10-02. Credit-sale contract indemnity fund - Creation - Continuing appropriation.**

There is created in the state treasury the credit-sale contract indemnity fund. The state treasurer shall invest available moneys in the fund in accordance with section 21-10-07 and in cooperation with the ~~public-service-commissioner~~ commissioner and shall deposit any income earned through the investments into the fund. The fund and earnings of the fund are appropriated to the ~~public-service-commissioner~~ commissioner on a continuing basis to be used exclusively to carry out the intent and purpose of this chapter.

**SECTION 73. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-10-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-10-03. Credit-sale contract indemnity fund - Suspension of assessment.**

At the end of the calendar quarter in which the credit-sale contract indemnity fund reaches a level of six million dollars, the ~~public-service-commissioner~~ commissioner shall suspend collection of the assessment required by this chapter. If after suspension of collection the balance in the fund is less than three million dollars, the ~~public-service-commissioner~~ commissioner shall require collection of the assessment.

**SECTION 74. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-10-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-10-05. Credit-sale contract indemnity fund - Availability of money.**

Upon the insolvency of a licensed warehouse or a grain buyer and a declaration that the ~~public-service-commissioner~~ commissioner serve as the trustee, the ~~public-service-commissioner~~ commissioner shall make the proceeds of the credit-sale contract indemnity fund available for use in meeting the licensee's obligations with respect to the reimbursement of any person who sold grain to the licensee under a

credit-sale contract and who was not fully compensated in accordance with the contract.

**SECTION 75. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-10-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-10-07. Credit-sale contract indemnity fund - Prorated claims.**

If claims for indemnity payments from the credit-sale contract indemnity fund exceed the amount in the fund, the ~~public service commissioner~~ commissioner shall prorate the claims and pay the prorated amounts. As future assessments are collected, the ~~public service commissioner~~ commissioner shall continue to forward indemnity payments to each eligible person until the person receives the maximum amount payable in accordance with this chapter.

**SECTION 76. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-10-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-10-08. Reimbursement for later insolvencies.**

The ~~public service commissioner~~ commissioner shall ensure that all persons eligible for payment from the indemnity fund as a result of an insolvency are fully compensated to the extent permitted by this chapter before any payments from the indemnity fund are initiated as a result of a later insolvency. The chronological order of insolvencies is determined by the date the ~~public service commissioner~~ commissioner is appointed trustee under section 60-02.1-29 or 60-04-03.

**SECTION 77. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-10-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-10-09. Credit-sale contract indemnity fund - Reimbursement for administrative expenses.**

Any expense incurred by the ~~public service commissioner~~ commissioner in administering the credit-sale contract indemnity must be reimbursed from the fund before any other claim for indemnity is paid.

**SECTION 78. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-10-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-10-10. Credit-sale contract indemnity fund assessment - Failure to collect assessment - Penalty.**

Any person who knowingly or intentionally refuses or fails to collect the assessment required under this chapter from producers or to submit any assessment collected from producers to the ~~public service commissioner~~ commissioner for deposit in the credit-sale contract indemnity fund is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

**SECTION 79. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-10-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-10-11. Revocation and suspension.**

The ~~commissioner~~ commissioner may suspend or revoke the license of any licensee for cause upon notice and hearing for violation of this chapter.

**SECTION 80. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-10-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-10-12. Cease and desist.**

If a person engages in an activity or practice that is contrary to this chapter or rules adopted by the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner, the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner, upon ~~its~~ the commissioner's own motion without complaint and with or without a hearing, may order the person to cease and desist from the activity until further order

of the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner. The order may include any corrective action up to and including license suspension. A cease and desist order must be accompanied by a notice of opportunity to be heard on the order within fifteen days of the issuance of the order.

**SECTION 81. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-10-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-10-14. Subrogation.**

Money paid from the credit-sale contract indemnity fund in satisfaction of a valid claim constitutes a debt obligation of the person against whom the claim was made. The ~~commissioner~~ commissioner may take action on behalf of the fund against a person to recover the amount of payment made, plus costs and attorney's fees. Any recovery for reimbursement to the fund must include interest computed at the weight average prime rate charged by the Bank of North Dakota. Upon payment of a claim from the credit-sale contract indemnity fund, the claimant shall subrogate ~~the~~ interest of the claimant, if any, to the ~~commissioner~~ commissioner in a cause of action against all parties, to the amount of the loss that the claimant was reimbursed by the fund.

**SECTION 82. AMENDMENT.** Section 60-10-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**60-10-15. Unlicensed facility-based grain buyer.**

This chapter also applies to a facility-based grain buyer, as defined in section 60-02.1-01, which is licensed under the United States Warehouse Act but which does not possess a state grain buyer license. The ~~commissioner~~ commissioner has the duty and power to examine and inspect, during regular business hours, all books, documents, and records related to collections and remittances pertaining to the credit-sale contract indemnity fund. In the case of insolvency, credit-sale contract payments to valid claimants must be reduced by an amount equal to the credit-sale contract indemnity payments received from payments administered by the United States department of agriculture."

Renumber accordingly

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SCR 4017: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4017 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 1, replace "directing" with "urging"

Page 1, line 1, replace "Legislative Management" with "Indian Affairs Commission"

Page 1, line 1, replace "consider studying" with "study"

Page 1, line 2, remove "dichotomy between the"

Page 1, line 2, replace "on" with a comma

Page 1, line 2, after "resources" insert a comma

Page 1, line 4, remove the semicolon

Page 1, line 4, replace "the facilitation of" with "to facilitate"

Page 1, line 5, remove "and registration"

Page 1, line 14, after "regional" insert "and"

Page 1, line 14, after "private" insert "industry"

Page 1, line 18, remove "eligibility of"

Page 1, remove line 19

Page 1, line 20, remove "to the National Register of Historic Places"

Page 1, line 21, remove "state agencies, including the Department of Transportation,"

Page 1, line 22, remove ", the State Historic Preservation Office, and the Public Service Commission, should"

Page 1, line 23, replace "coordinate and consult" with "is urged to consider coordinating with state agencies including the Department of Transportation, State Historical Society, and Public Service Commission and to consult"

Page 2, line 3, replace "Legislative Management" with "Indian Affairs Commission is urged to"

Page 2, line 3, remove "dichotomy between the"

Page 2, line 4, replace "on" with a comma

Page 2, line 4, after "resources" insert a comma

Page 2, line 6, remove the semicolon

Page 2, line 6, replace "the facilitation of" with "to facilitate"

Page 2, line 7, remove "and registration"

Page 2, line 8, after "that" insert "if studied,"

Page 2, line 8, replace "Legislative Management" with "Indian Affairs Commission is urged to"

Renumber accordingly

#### **REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**HB 1454, as engrossed:** Your conference committee (Sens. Davison, Fors, Marcellais and Reps. Pyle, Longmuir, Guggisberg) recommends that the **HOUSE ACCEDE** to the Senate amendments as printed on HJ page 1308 and place HB 1454 on the Seventh order.

Engrossed HB 1454 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

The House stood adjourned pursuant to Representative Louser's motion.

**Buell J. Reich, Chief Clerk**

