

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the agriculture
2 commissioner; to amend and reenact section 4-01-21 of the North Dakota Century Code,
3 relating to the salary of the agriculture commissioner; and to provide for transfers.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
6 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
7 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and
8 other income, to the agriculture commissioner for the purpose of defraying the expenses of that
9 agency, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017, as follows:

		Adjustments or		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	
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12	Salaries and wages	\$10,861,195	\$2,349,313	\$13,210,508
13	Operating expenses	5,885,262	1,041,807	6,927,069
14	Capital assets	12,000	(4,000)	8,000
15	Grants	4,675,828	3,722,946	8,398,774
16	State board of animal health	2,109,828	(1,296,163)	813,665
17	Wildlife services	1,417,400	0	1,417,400
18	Crop harmonization board	75,000	0	75,000
19	Accrued leave payments	<u>237,295</u>	<u>(237,295)</u>	<u>0</u>
20	Total all funds	\$25,273,808	\$5,576,608	\$30,850,416
21	Less estimated income	<u>15,754,591</u>	<u>4,021,750</u>	<u>19,776,341</u>
22	Total general fund	\$9,519,217	\$1,554,858	\$11,074,075
23	Full-time equivalent positions	77.00	0.00	77.00

1 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO**

2 **SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the 2015-17 one-time
3 funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

4 <u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2013-15</u>	<u>2015-17</u>
5 Information technology analysis	\$0	\$150,222
6 Department web redesign	<u>0</u>	<u>150,000</u>
7 Total general fund	\$0	\$300,222

8 The 2015-17 one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the
9 2017-19 biennium. The agriculture commissioner shall report to the appropriations committees
10 of the sixty-fifth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium
11 beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

12 **SECTION 3. TRANSFER - ENVIRONMENT AND RANGELAND PROTECTION FUND -**
13 **MINOR USE PESTICIDE FUND.** The agriculture commissioner shall transfer \$325,000 from the
14 environment and rangeland protection fund to the minor use pesticide fund during the biennium
15 beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

16 **SECTION 4. ESTIMATED INCOME - ENVIRONMENT AND RANGELAND PROTECTION**
17 **FUND.** The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$6,464,295,
18 or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the environment and rangeland protection
19 fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses of various department of agriculture programs,
20 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

21 **SECTION 5. ESTIMATED INCOME - GAME AND FISH FUND.** The estimated income line
22 item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$499,585, or so much of the sum as may be
23 necessary, from the game and fish department operating fund for the purpose of defraying the
24 expenses of various department of agriculture programs, for the biennium beginning July 1,
25 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

26 **SECTION 6. ESTIMATED INCOME - STATE WATER COMMISSION - TRANSFER.** The
27 estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$250,000 which the state
28 water commission shall transfer to the agriculture commissioner for the wildlife services
29 program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

30 **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-01-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended
31 and reenacted as follows:

1 **4-01-21. Salary of agriculture commissioner.**

2 The annual salary of the agriculture commissioner is ~~ninety-nine thousand four hundred~~
3 ~~thirty-five dollars through June 30, 2014, and one hundred two thousand four hundred~~
4 ~~eighteen~~one hundred six thousand five hundred fifteen dollars through June 30, 2016, and one
5 hundred ten thousand seven hundred seventy-five dollars thereafter.