

SENATE BILL NO. 2378

Introduced by

Senators Wanzek, Heitkamp, Naaden, Traynor

Representatives Brandenburg, Nicholas

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 4-05.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to establishment of a bison research program; to provide a continuing
3 appropriation; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 4-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Bison research program.** The superintendent of the Carrington research center shall
8 establish a position for research on bison breeding, feeding, management, and disease control
9 designed to enhance the profitability of bison production and the conservation of natural
10 resources. After consultation with the North Dakota buffalo association, the superintendent
11 shall appoint a bison research director who must be a competent and skilled animal ruminant
12 nutritionist with at least a master's in science degree. The bison research director serves under
13 the same general rules, requirements, and conditions of employment as other professional staff
14 of the North Dakota agricultural experiment station.

15 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 4-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
16 created and enacted as follows:

17 **Bison research fund.** The bison research fund is a special fund in the state treasury.
18 The proceeds of the fund must be expended for purposes of agricultural research involving
19 bison, as provided in section 1 of this Act.

20 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the
21 funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in
22 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal
23 funds and other income to the Carrington research center for the purpose of defraying the

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1 expenses of the bison research program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending
2 June 30, 1999, as follows:

3	Salaries and wages	\$125,000
4	Operating expenses	93,750
5	Equipment	31,250
6	Grants	<u>10,000</u>
7	Total all funds	\$260,000
8	Less estimated income	<u>10,000</u>
9	Total general fund appropriation	\$250,000

10 **SECTION 4. ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS - CONTINUING APPROPRIATION.** The
11 Carrington research center may accept any grants, donations, or other support offered to or for
12 the benefit of the bison research program. All moneys accepted under this program must be
13 deposited in the bison research fund and all such moneys and any other property must be used
14 for the specific purposes for which they are given. All moneys in the fund are appropriated on a
15 continuing basis to the Carrington research center for the purpose of conducting or
16 commissioning studies, investigations, and evaluations regarding advancement in the
17 knowledge regarding the raising and producing of bison for the biennium beginning July 1,
18 1997, and ending June 30, 1999.