

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1112
(Agriculture Committee)
(At the request of the Agriculture Commissioner)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 36-24-26 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to penalties for violating meat inspection laws; and to provide a penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 36-24-26 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

36-24-26. ~~General penalty~~ Penalties. ~~Violation of this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter is a class A misdemeanor. The commissioner is not required to report for prosecution or for the institution of injunctive proceedings a minor violation of this chapter if the commissioner believes that the public interest will be adequately served by a suitable written warning.~~

1. A person who violates a provision of this chapter is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
2. A person willfully violating this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars for each violation. The civil penalty may be imposed by a court or by the agriculture commissioner in an administrative proceeding.
3. Imposing a penalty allowed in subsection 1 or 2 does not preclude the commissioner from seeking to impose other sanctions or from seeking other remedies for violation of this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1112.

House Vote: Yeas 75 Nays 15 Absent 4

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State