**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1054**

Sixty-third
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

Introduced by

Agriculture Committee

(At the request of the Agriculture Commissioner)

1   A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 4.1-14-01 of the North Dakota Century Code,

2   relating to forage certification; and to declare an emergency.

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

4       **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 4.1-14-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is

5   amended and reenacted as follows:

6       **4.1-14-01. Certification of forage - Compliance with other standards.**

7       1.   To obtain certification that weeds prohibited according to the standards of the North

8            American ~~weed~~invasive species management association are not cut when producing

9            viable seeds and included in baled forage, the owner of the forage shall request that

10           the agriculture commissioner conduct a certification inspection.

11      2.   Upon receiving the request, the agriculture commissioner shall:

12           a.   Inspect the forage acreage within ten days before harvest to verify that weeds

13                prohibited according to the standards of the North American ~~weed~~invasive

14                species management association are not present and producing viable seeds;

15                and

16           b.   (1)   Ascertain that the scheduled harvest has occurred;

17                (2)   Determine the number of bales for which certification tags <u>or</u>

18                      <u>department-approved twine, or both,</u> must be issued; and

19                (3)   Verify that the baled forage is stored or will be stored only in an area where

20                      weeds prohibited according to the standards of the North American

21                      ~~weed~~invasive species management association are not present and

22                      producing viable seeds.

23      3.   If the agriculture commissioner determines that the conditions of subsection 2 have

24           been met, the commissioner shall issue and affix or cause to be affixed on each bale

1        of forage one dated certification tag <u>or shall authorize the use of department-approved</u>

2        <u>twine to bale the forage</u>.

3        **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.