

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
9 that agency, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
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12	Salaries and wages	\$127,369	\$12,661,634
13	Operating expenses	1,046,977	7,466,098
14	Capital assets	5,000	13,000
15	Grants	431,000	8,823,774
16	Board of animal health	(140,300)	866,473
17	Wildlife services	16,143	1,417,400
18	Crop harmonization board	0	75,000
19	Pipeline restoration and reclamation	<u>(400,000)</u>	<u>0</u>
20	oversight program		
21	Total all funds	\$1,086,189	\$31,323,379
22	Less estimated income	<u>1,523,821</u>	<u>21,799,874</u>
23	Total general fund	(\$437,632)	\$9,523,505
24	Full-time equivalent positions	(2.00)	75.00

1 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING.** The following amounts reflect the 2015-17 one-time
2 funding items approved by the sixty-fourth legislative assembly:

3 <u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2015-17</u>	<u>2017-19</u>
4 Information technology analysis	\$100,222	\$0
5 Department web redesign	50,000	0
6 National genomics center	<u>711,138</u>	<u>0</u>
7 Total general fund	\$861,360	\$0

8 **SECTION 3. TRANSFER - ENVIRONMENT AND RANGELAND PROTECTION FUND -**
9 **MINOR USE PESTICIDE FUND.** The agriculture commissioner shall transfer \$325,000 from
10 the environment and rangeland protection fund to the minor use pesticide fund during the
11 biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

12 **SECTION 4. ESTIMATED INCOME - ENVIRONMENT AND RANGELAND PROTECTION**
13 **FUND.** The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$6,455,667,
14 or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the environment and rangeland protection
15 fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses of various department of agriculture
16 programs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

17 **SECTION 5. ESTIMATED INCOME - GAME AND FISH FUND.** The estimated income line
18 item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$498,830, or so much of the sum as may be
19 necessary, from the game and fish department operating fund for the purpose of defraying
20 the expenses of various department of agriculture programs, for the biennium beginning
21 July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

22 **SECTION 6. ESTIMATED INCOME - STATE WATER COMMISSION - TRANSFER.** The
23 estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$250,000 which the state
24 water commission shall transfer to the agriculture commissioner for the wildlife services
25 program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

26 **SECTION 7. WATERBANK PROGRAM - MATCHING FUNDS.** The salaries and wages line
27 item in section 1 of this Act includes \$50,000 from the general fund for matching funds for the
28 North Dakota outdoor heritage fund grant provided for the waterbank program.

29 **SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-01-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended
30 and reenacted as follows:

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

2 The annual salary of the agriculture commissioner is ~~one hundred five thousand four~~
3 ~~hundred ninety-one dollars through June 30, 2016,~~ and one hundred eight thousand six
4 ~~hundred fifty-six dollars through June 30, 2018,~~ and one hundred nine thousand seven hundred
5 forty-three dollars thereafter.

6 **SECTION 9. TRANSFER - FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW IMPACT REVIEW FUND.**

7 The office of management and budget shall transfer, from the strategic investment and
8 improvements fund, \$1,000,000 of the amount appropriated in the operating expenses line item
9 in section 1 of this Act to the federal environmental law impact review fund for the purpose of
10 covering expenses related to the waters of the United States lawsuit, for the period beginning
11 with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2019.