

2023 SENATE AGRICULTURE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

SB 2100

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee Fort Union Room, State Capitol

SB 2100
1/6/2023

Relating to the definition of custom exempt establishments and official establishments and registration and licensure of meat processing business.
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9:49 AM Chairman Luick called the meeting to order.

Members present: Chairman Luick, Vice Chairman Myrdal, Senator Lemm, Senator Weber, and Senator Weston.

Discussion Topics:

- Registration & Licensing requirement
- Processing
- Public health

9:50 AM Dr. Andrea Grondahl, Director of the Livestock Industries Division of the ND Department of Agriculture, testified in favor of SB 2100. #12393

10:06 AM Chairman Luick closed the hearing on SB 2100.

Additional Written Testimony:

Phil Murphy, NDSGA testified in Favor #12275

10:07AM Chairman Luick adjourned the meeting.

Brenda Cook, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee Fort Union Room, State Capitol

SB 2100
1/19/2023

A BILL for an Act relating to the definition of custom exempt establishments and official establishments and registration and licensure of meat processing business

10:05 AM Chairman Luick called the committee to order.
Senators Hogan, Weston, Weber, Luick, Myrdal, and Lemm present.

Discussion Topics:

- Fees
- Licenses
- Necessity

10:26 AM Chairman Luick adjourned the committee.

Dave Owen, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee Fort Union Room, State Capitol

SB 2100
1/19/2023

A BILL for an Act relating to the definition of custom exempt establishments and official establishments and registration and licensure of meat processing business.

10:37 AM Chairman Luick called the meeting to order.

Members present: Chairman Luick, Vice Chairman Myrdal, Senator Lemm, Senator Hogan, Senator Weston, Senator Weber.

Discussion Topics:

- Meat processing business
- Registration and licenses

10:37 AM Andrea Grondahl, Livestock Industries Director, North Dakota Department of Agriculture, answered questions on SB 2100.

10:43 AM Dutch Bialke, North Dakota Department of Agriculture, answered questions.

10:46 AM Senator Myrdal moved amendment to SB 2100 #23.8108.01001

10:46 AM Senator Lemm seconded.

Roll call vote

Senators	Vote
Senator Larry Luick	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Randy D. Lemm	Y
Senator Mark F. Weber	Y
Senator Kent Weston	Y

Motion Passed: 6-0-0

10:47 AM Senator Lemm moved DO PASS AS AMENDED SB 2100.

10:47 AM Vice Chairman Myrdal seconded DO PASS AS AMENDED SB 2100.

Roll call vote: DO PASS AS AMENDED SB 2100

Senators	Vote
Senator Larry Luick	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Randy D. Lemm	Y
Senator Mark F. Weber	Y
Senator Kent Weston	Y

Motion Passed: 6-0-0 DO PASS AS AMENDED SB 2100

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Senator Lemm will carry the bill.

10:49 AM Chairman Luick closed the meeting.
Brenda Cook, Committee Clerk

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Adopted by the Senate Agriculture and
Veterans Affairs Committee
January 19, 2023

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2100

Page 3, line 31, replace "fifty dollars" with "twenty-five dollars"

Renumber accordingly

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1-19-2023

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2100: Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Luick, Chairman)
recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends
DO PASS (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2100 was placed
on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

Page 3, line 31, replace "fifty dollars" with "twenty-five dollars"

Renumber accordingly

2023 HOUSE AGRICULTURE

SB 2100

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Agriculture Committee
Room JW327C, State Capitol

SB 2100
3/2/2023

Relating to the definition of custom exempt establishments and official establishments and registration and licensure of meat processing business.
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Chairman Thomas call the meeting to order 8:33 AM

Members present: Chairman Thomas, Vice Chairman Beltz, Representatives Christy, Finley-DeVillie, Fisher, Headland, Henderson, Kiefert, Olson, Prichard, Schreiber-Beck, Tveit, VanWinkle.

Discussion Topics:

- Custom processing business
- License revocation
- Inspection on a risk basis
- Quarterly inspections
- Consumer complaints
- Ag inspectors

In favor:

Dr. Andrea Grondahl, Director of the Livestock Industries Division, ND Dept of Agriculture, #21633

Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting 8:46 AM

Diane Lillis, Committee Clerk

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Agriculture Committee
Room JW327C, State Capitol

SB 2100
3/2/2023

Relating to the definition of custom exempt establishments and official establishments and registration and licensure of meat processing business.
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Chairman Thomas call the meeting to order 11:10 AM

Members present: Chairman Thomas, Vice Chairman Beltz, Representatives Finley-DeVille, Fisher, Headland, Kiefert, Olson, Prichard, Schreiber-Beck, Tveit, VanWinkle.

Members absent: Representatives Christy, Henderson

Discussion Topics:

- One time licensing fee
- Consumer protections

Representative Beltz moved a do pass.
Representative VanWinkle seconded.

Roll call vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Paul J. Thomas	Y
Representative Mike Beltz	Y
Representative Josh Christy	AB
Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille	AB
Representative Jay Fisher	Y
Representative Craig Headland	Y
Representative Donna Henderson	AB
Representative Dwight Kiefert	Y
Representative SuAnn Olson	Y
Representative Brandon Prichard	Y
Representative Cynthia Schreiber-Beck	Y
Representative Bill Tveit	Y
Representative Lori VanWinkle	Y

Motion passed 10-0-3

Representative VanWinkle will carry the bill.

Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting 11:17 AM

Diane Lillis, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2100, as engrossed: Agriculture Committee (Rep. Thomas, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (10 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2100 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

TESTIMONY

SB 2100

68th Session Testimony on 2100

Chairman Luick and Committee,

My name is Phil Murphy representing the ND Soybean Growers Association. I am sorry to be absent today but hope to attend the session soon. The NDSGA supports this bill as it appears to help the establishment of more meat processers. Many of our growers have livestock and hopefully our commodity will be used to feed more around our state. Anything you can do to further animal agriculture will be appreciated, and having a place to process the animals is one of the keys to growing the industry as a whole. Thank you for your work.

COMMISSIONER
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**Testimony of Dr. Andrea Grondahl
Livestock Industries Director
North Dakota Department of Agriculture
Senate Bill 2100
Senate Agriculture Committee
Fort Union Room
January 6, 2023**

Chairman Luick and members of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I am Dr Andrea Grondahl, Director of the Livestock Industries Division of the Department of Agriculture. I am here today on behalf of the North Dakota Department of Agriculture in support of Senate Bill 2100, which would require licensure of meat processing businesses.

The Department currently only has the authority to register meat processing businesses. There is no licensing requirement. Events in the past two years demonstrated that a registration requirement alone does not adequately protect the public. A registration requirement alone does not provide adequate statutory authority to suspend a meat processing plant from operating if they fail to meet facility safety or sanitation requirements.

It is critical that meat during processing is handled correctly in a sanitary environment and in a manner to preserve its wholesomeness. If it is not, there is a substantial risk of food borne illness. The vast majority of meat processors fully understand this and consequently meticulously abide by regulatory requirements in place to keep their meat products safe. This bill is needed for the ones that are not doing so and, as a result, are increasing the risk of making someone sick.

Most states that operate a state meat inspection program require annual licensing. This bill will only require meat processing businesses to obtain a one-time license for a nominal fee.

The sole purpose of meat facility licensure is to protect the public's health and safety by uniformly holding meat processing facilities in the State reasonably accountable for their activities and behavior. This reasonable licensing requirement will better enable the Agriculture Department to perform the job it has been tasked to do.

Chairman Luick and committee members, thank you for your consideration of SB 2100. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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**Testimony of Dr. Andrea Grondahl
Livestock Industries Director
North Dakota Department of Agriculture
Senate Bill 2100
House Agriculture Committee
JW327C
March 2, 2023**

Chairman Thomas and members of the House Agriculture Committee, I am Dr Andrea Grondahl, Director of the Livestock Industries Division of the Department of Agriculture. I am here today on behalf of Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring in support of Senate Bill 2100, which would require licensure of meat processing businesses.

Currently, the Department only has authority to register meat processing businesses. There is no licensing requirement. However, events in the past two years demonstrated that a registration requirement alone does not adequately protect the public. A registration requirement alone does not provide authority to suspend a meat processing plant from operating if they fail to meet facility safety or sanitation requirements.

This bill will not result in undue burden for meat processors as it only requires them to obtain a one-time license for a nominal fee. It will not impose any new regulations. The sole purpose of meat facility licensure is to protect the public's health and safety by ensuring regulatory compliance by meat processing facilities in the State. A license may be revoked or suspended with due cause only.

Chairman Thomas and committee members, thank you for your consideration of SB 2100. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.