

SENATE BILL NO. 2356

Introduced by

Senator Bowman

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a multistate agricultural marketing commission; to provide
2 an appropriation; and to provide an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Multistate agricultural marketing commission - Formation - Duties.**

5 The agriculture commissioner shall organize the formation of a multistate agricultural marketing
6 commission for the purpose of examining all aspects of marketing agricultural products on
7 behalf of the producers of member states. The commission shall:

- 8 1. Determine which entities set and control the prices of specific agricultural products.
- 9 2. Determine which federal trade policies assist and which hinder the marketing of
10 agricultural commodities.
- 11 3. Determine which federal and state laws assist and which hinder the marketing of
12 agricultural commodities.
- 13 4. Determine which federal and state laws assist and which hinder the use of
14 agricultural contracts.
- 15 5. Work with federal agencies and federal representatives to ensure the best possible
16 climate for the marketing of agricultural products on behalf of producers.

17 **SECTION 2. Multistate agricultural marketing commission - Expenditure of**

18 **moneys - Compensation.** The agriculture commissioner may expend moneys for the purpose
19 of employing commission staff, procuring suitable office and meeting space, contracting for the
20 services of or otherwise compensating individuals providing research and information to the
21 commission, and compensating commission members from this state. Commission members
22 from this state, other than the commissioner of agriculture, are entitled to receive sixty-two
23 dollars and fifty cents as compensation per day and necessary mileage and travel expenses as

1 provided in sections 44-08-04 and 54-06-09 for attending meetings of the multistate agricultural
2 marketing commission.

3 **SECTION 3. Multistate agricultural marketing commission - Membership.**

4 1. The governor of each member state shall appoint to the multistate agricultural
5 marketing commission:

6 a. One individual who farms less than five hundred acres [1235.5 hectares].

7 b. One individual who farms at least five hundred acres [1235.5 hectares] but
8 less than two thousand acres [4942 hectares].

9 c. One individual who farms more than two thousand acres [4942 hectares].

10 d. One member of the senate who represents a rural district.

11 e. One member of the house of representatives who represents a rural district.

12 2. The agriculture commissioner from each member state may serve on the
13 commission in an ex officio capacity.

14 **SECTION 4. Multistate agricultural marketing commission - Meetings - Chairman.**

15 The multistate agricultural marketing commission shall meet initially at the call of the agriculture
16 commissioner and select from among its members a chairman, vice chairman, and secretary.

17 Thereafter, the commission shall meet at the call of its chairman.

18 **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION.** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in
19 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000, or so
20 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the agriculture commissioner for the purpose of
21 organizing and operating a multistate agricultural marketing commission.

22 **SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on the date the governor
23 of another state communicates in writing to the governor and the agriculture commissioner of
24 this state the intention of that state to participate in the multistate agricultural marketing
25 commission as set forth in this Act. The governor shall forward a copy of that communication to
26 the legislative council.