

**Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the  
Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January,  
one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine**

SENATE BILL NO. 2009  
(Appropriations Committee)  
(At the request of the Governor)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the agriculture commissioner; to create a legislative council committee; to provide an appropriation to the legislative council; to provide a statement of legislative intent; to provide for a transfer; to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 1 of section 57-38-01.2 and a new subdivision to subsection 3 of section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an income tax exemption for indemnities received for destruction of cattle; to amend and reenact sections 4-01-21, 4-35-06.3, and 19-18-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the minor use pesticide fund, the salary of the agriculture commissioner, and pesticide registration fees; to provide an effective date; to provide an expiration date; and to declare an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the commissioner of agriculture for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commissioner of agriculture for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001, as follows:

AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER	
Salaries and wages	\$3,128,452
Operating expenses	778,957
Equipment	22,900
Grants	161,700
Board of animal health	502,922
Ag mediation	801,681
Ag in the classroom	96,000
Anhydrous ammonia storage	8,154
Waterbank program	414,000
Pride of Dakota	151,516
Wildlife services	779,694
Safe send	573,907
Noxious weeds	<u>1,174,696</u>
Total all funds	\$8,594,579
Less estimated income	<u>4,133,216</u>
Total general fund appropriation	\$4,461,363

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-01-21 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**4-01-21. Salary of commissioner of agriculture.** The annual salary of the commissioner of agriculture is ~~fifty-five~~ fifty-eight thousand ~~four~~ two hundred ~~sixty-four~~ sixty-two dollars through June 30, ~~1998~~ 2000, ~~fifty-nine~~ forty-nine thousand ~~four~~ hundred ~~twenty-eight~~ twenty-eight dollars through December 31, 2000, and ~~fifty-seven~~ sixty-four thousand ~~one~~ five hundred ~~twenty~~ sixty-nine dollars thereafter.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-35-06.3 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**4-35-06.3. Minor use pesticide fund - Continuing appropriation.** The minor use pesticide fund is created as a special fund in the state treasury. All moneys in the fund are appropriated on a continuing basis to the pesticide control board for the purpose of conducting or commissioning studies, investigations, and evaluations regarding the registration and use of pesticides for minor crops, minor uses, and emergency uses other uses as determined by the board.

**SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 19-18-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**19-18-04. Registration - Fees.**

1. Any person before selling or offering for sale any pesticide for use within this state shall file biennially with the commissioner an application for registration of the pesticide. The application must:
  1. a. Give the name and address of each manufacturer or distributor.
  2. b. Give the name and brand of each product registered.
  3. c. Be accompanied by a current label of each product so registered.
  4. d. Be accompanied by a registration fee of three hundred fifty dollars for each product registered. At the close of each calendar month, the commissioner shall transmit to the state treasurer all moneys received for the registrations. The state treasurer shall credit fifty dollars for each registered product to the general fund in the state treasury and the remainder of the registration fee for each registered product to the environment and rangeland protection fund.
  5. e. Be accompanied by a material safety data sheet.
2. The commissioner may require an applicant or registrant to provide efficacy, toxicity, residue, and any other data necessary to determine if the pesticide will perform its intended function without unreasonable adverse effects on the environment. If the commissioner finds that the application conforms to law, the commissioner shall issue to the applicant a certificate of registration of the product. If after public hearing before the commissioner the application is denied, the product may not be offered for sale.
3. Each registration covers a two-year period beginning January first and expiring December thirty-first of the following year. A certificate of registration may not be issued for a term longer than two years, and is not transferable from one person to another, or from the ownership to whom issued to another ownership, or from one place to another place or location. A penalty of fifty percent of the license or registration fee must be imposed if the license or certificate of registration is not applied for on or before January thirty-first following the expiration date, or within the same month the pesticides are first manufactured or sold within this state. Each product must go through a two-year discontinuance period in order to clear all outstanding products in the channel of trade.
4. This section does not apply to a pesticide sold by a retail dealer if the registration fee has been paid by the manufacturer, jobber, or any other person, as required by this section.

**SECTION 5.** A new subdivision to subsection 1 of section 57-38-01.2 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Reduced by an amount equal to any indemnity received under this Act for the destruction of cattle infected or suspected of being infected with bovine tuberculosis.

**SECTION 6.** A new subdivision to subsection 3 of section 57-38-30.3 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

An amount equal to any indemnity received under this Act for the destruction of cattle infected or suspected of being infected with bovine tuberculosis.

**SECTION 7. ESTIMATED INCOME - ENVIRONMENT AND RANGELAND PROTECTION FUND.** The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$1,925,576, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the environment and rangeland protection fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses of various agriculture department programs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.

**SECTION 8. ESTIMATED INCOME - ANHYDROUS AMMONIA STORAGE INSPECTION FUND.** The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$75,992, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the anhydrous ammonia storage inspection fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses of regulating anhydrous ammonia storage facilities, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.

**SECTION 9. ESTIMATED INCOME - GAME AND FISH FUND.** The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$200,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the game and fish department operating fund for the waterbank program for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.

**SECTION 10. TRANSFER.** The office of management and budget shall transfer \$285,000 from the environment and rangeland protection fund to the minor use pesticide fund for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.

**SECTION 11. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - CROP HARMONIZATION COMMITTEE.** The legislative council shall create a crop harmonization committee consisting of the chairman of the house agriculture committee, the chairman of the senate agriculture committee, and three other individuals appointed by the legislative council chairman, one of whom must represent the crop protection manufacturing industry. In consultation with the pesticide control board, the committee shall:

1. Identify and prioritize crop protection product labeling needs;
2. Explore the extent of authority given to this state under the federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act;
3. Identify the data necessary to enable registration of a use to occur in a timely manner;
4. Determine what research, if any, is necessary to fulfill data requirements for activities listed in this section and communicate its findings to the agriculture commissioner;
5. Request the agriculture commissioner to pursue specific research funding options from public and private sources; and
6. Report to the legislative council in the same manner as do other interim legislative council committees.

**SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the minor use pesticide fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$15,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$15,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, and from special funds derived from grants or donation income, the sum of \$150,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the legislative council for the purpose of addressing crop protection product registration and labeling as provided for in section 11 of this Act for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.

**SECTION 13. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** It is the intent of the fifty-sixth legislative assembly that the agriculture commissioner, agricultural experiment station, and North Dakota state university extension service use resources available to them to assist in the registration of crop protection pesticides in cooperation with the crop protection industry for use in the North Dakota agriculture industry for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.

**SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH - 1997-99 BIENNIUM.** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$65,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the agriculture

commissioner for the purpose of paying an indemnity and other expenses associated with destroying a herd of cattle infected with bovine tuberculosis for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 1999.

**SECTION 15. BUDGET SECTION REPORT.** The agriculture commissioner and the state veterinarian shall periodically report to the budget section on the status of the bovine tuberculosis disease in cattle and associated costs during the 1999-2000 interim.

**SECTION 16. EFFECTIVE DATE - EXPIRATION DATE.** Sections 5 and 6 of this Act are effective for the first two taxable years beginning after December 31, 1998, and are thereafter ineffective.

**SECTION 17. EXPIRATION DATE.** Section 4 of this Act is effective through June 30, 2001, and after that date is ineffective.

**SECTION 18. EMERGENCY.** Section 14 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2009 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote:      Yeas        43            Nays        3            Absent      3

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote:      Yeas        80            Nays        15           Absent      3

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Speaker of the House

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Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999,

at \_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State