

**SENATE BILL NO. 2413**

Introduced by

Senators Wanzek, Urlacher

Representatives Brandenburg, Lloyd, Nelson, Nicholas

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 4-24 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to agricultural contracts.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 4-24 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Agricultural contracts - Mediation - Arbitration.** Any contract regarding the  
7 production and sale of an agricultural commodity must include a provision for the resolution of a  
8 contract dispute through mediation or arbitration. The contract must include provisions  
9 regarding the manner in which mediation or arbitration is to be initiated and the manner in which  
10 any costs associated with the mediation or arbitration are to be borne. For purposes of this  
11 section, contract dispute includes a disagreement between the producer and the purchaser of  
12 an agricultural commodity regarding the commodity's quality and any reduction in price that is to  
13 be imposed as a result of a quality determination by the purchaser.