

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 or 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
10 which any costs associated with the mediation or arbitration are to be borne. For purposes of
11 this section, contract dispute includes a disagreement between the producer and the purchaser
12 of an agricultural commodity regarding the commodity's quality and any reduction in price that
13 is to be imposed as a result of a quality determination by the purchaser.