

HOUSE BILL NO. 1286

Introduced by

Representatives Brandenburg, Kempenich, Lemieux, Nicholas

Senators Nichols, Wanzek

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for agricultural product inspections; and to provide an
2 appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Inspection of certain imported agricultural products - Continuing**
5 **appropriation.** The agriculture commissioner shall inspect or contract for the inspection of any
6 agricultural product imported into this state from another country if the selling price of the
7 agricultural product to the purchaser in this state is lower than the selling price of the product to
8 purchasers in the exporting country. The commissioner shall impose upon the importer of the
9 product an inspection fee not to exceed the difference between the price charged the importer
10 and maximum selling price of the product in the exporting country during the thirty days
11 preceding the importation of the product into this state. The commissioner may adopt rules to
12 implement this section. The commissioner shall deposit any fees collected under this section
13 into a special inspection fund in the state treasury. There is appropriated on a continuing basis
14 to the agriculture commissioner any inspection fees collected under this section and deposited
15 in the special inspection fund to be used for the purpose of conducting or contracting for
16 inspections as required in this section. For the purposes of this section, "agricultural product"
17 means crops, crop products, or plants intended for human consumption or as a feed for animals
18 intended for human consumption, but does not include products for the sole consumption of the
19 transporter or the transporter's family.