

**Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1054  
(Agriculture Committee)  
(At the request of the Agriculture Commissioner)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 4.1-14-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to forage certification; and to declare an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 4.1-14-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**4.1-14-01. Certification of forage - Compliance with other standards.**

1. To obtain certification that weeds prohibited according to the standards of the North American weedinvasive species management association are not cut when producing viable seeds and included in baled forage, the owner of the forage shall request that the agriculture commissioner conduct a certification inspection.
2. Upon receiving the request, the agriculture commissioner shall:
  - a. Inspect the forage acreage within ten days before harvest to verify that weeds prohibited according to the standards of the North American weedinvasive species management association are not present and producing viable seeds; and
  - b. (1) Ascertain that the scheduled harvest has occurred;
  - (2) Determine the number of bales for which certification tags or department-approved twine, or both, must be issued; and
  - (3) Verify that the baled forage is stored or will be stored only in an area where weeds prohibited according to the standards of the North American weedinvasive species management association are not present and producing viable seeds.
3. If the agriculture commissioner determines that the conditions of subsection 2 have been met, the commissioner shall issue and affix or cause to be affixed on each bale of forage one dated certification tag or shall authorize the use of department-approved twine to bale the forage.

**SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1054 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 92                      Nays 0                      Absent 2

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Speaker of the House

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Chief Clerk of the House

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

Vote:        Yeas 47                      Nays 0                      Absent 0

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013,  
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Secretary of State