

**SENATE BILL NO. 2373**

Introduced by

Senators Erbele, Lemm, Luick

Representatives Brandenburg, Hauck, Schreiber-Beck

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 4.1-01 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the establishment of the livestock-friendly county designation.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 4.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Livestock-friendly county designation - Establishment by commissioner.**

- 7 1. The commissioner shall establish a livestock-friendly county designation to recognize  
8 and assist efforts to develop, maintain, or expand livestock sectors within the counties  
9 of this state.
- 10 2. A county may apply to the commissioner to become designated as a livestock-friendly  
11 county. A county is eligible for the designation under this section if the county:
- 12 a. Through its board of county commissioners, has adopted and enacted a  
13 resolution expressing interest in developing, maintaining, or expanding livestock  
14 production and processing sectors within the county;
- 15 b. Intends to collaborate with all appropriate political subdivisions within the county  
16 to develop, maintain, or expand livestock production and processing sectors;
- 17 c. Has submitted a plan detailing the necessary actions to develop, maintain, or  
18 expand livestock production and processing sectors;
- 19 d. Has conducted and completed a study identifying suitable locations for rural  
20 economic development, including locations for confined animal feeding  
21 operations, agricultural processing facilities, agricultural storage facilities, and  
22 other agricultural-related development; and
- 23 e. Has disclosed other existing or planned activities and initiatives within the county  
24 to develop, maintain, or expand livestock production and processing sectors.

- 1        3. If the commissioner determines a county has complied with the provisions in
- 2            subsection 2, the commissioner shall publicly designate the county as a livestock-
- 3            friendly county.
- 4        4. To retain the designation, a county shall submit an application to the commissioner
- 5            every four years.
- 6        5. The commissioner may revoke a county's designation as a livestock-friendly county if
- 7            the commissioner determines the county no longer meets the requirements for the
- 8            designation under subsection 2.
- 9        6. The commissioner may adopt rules to effectuate the provisions of this section.