

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1201

(Representatives Brandenburg, Grueneich, Hagert, Headland, Mitskog, Warrey, Schreiber-Beck)
(Senators Erbele, Luick, Weber, Wanzek)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 61-04-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a limitation on the amount of water not applied to beneficial use.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 61-04-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

61-04-03.1. Limitation on amount of water.

An applicant may not apply for a permit or permits for irrigation which, if approved, would enable a person, at any one time, to hold a conditional water permit or permits for more than seven hundred twenty acre-feet [888106.75 cubic meters] of water from a single surface or ground water source that has not been applied to beneficial use. Applications submitted in violation of this section may not be assigned a priority date and must be returned to the applicant by the department of water resources. This section may not apply to water permit applications from the Missouri River or to applications submitted by irrigation districts organized pursuant to this title. For the purposes of this section, "person", when applied to an individual, means the individual and the individual's spouse and dependents within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code [26 U.S.C. 152].

Ralph W. Weis
Speaker of the House

Michelle J. Strinden
President of the Senate

Bruce J. Reich
Chief Clerk of the House

Sharon Meyer
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1201.

House Vote: Yeas 93 Nays 0 Absent 0

Senate Vote: Yeas 44 Nays 1 Absent 2

Bruce J. Reich
Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at 1:21 P M. on April 2nd, 2025.

Kelly J. Healy
Governor

Filed in this office this 3rd day of April, 2025,
at 10:44 o'clock A M.

Michael Howe
Secretary of State