



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1020

*Introduced by: The Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources at the request of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources*

1 **An Act to increase the maximum amount allowable for the livestock ownership**  
 2 **inspection fee and to declare an emergency.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 40-18-16 be AMENDED:**

5 **40-18-16.** The board may promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to:

6 (1) Describe prohibited brand symbols for various types of livestock and identify  
 7 locations on animals where a brand is permitted;

8 (2) Provide for the registration, transfer, and renewal of livestock brands;

9 (3) Establish a brand registration fee not to exceed fifty dollars;

10 (4) Establish a brand renewal fee not to exceed ~~eighteen~~;

11 (a) Eighteen dollars per year; ~~or a brand renewal fee not to exceed ninety~~

12 (b) Ninety dollars for each five-year ownership period ~~and~~;

13 (5) Establish a brand transfer fee not to exceed fifty dollars;

14 ~~(5)(6)~~ Establish an ownership inspection fee not to exceed one dollar and sixty-five cents  
 15 for each head of livestock;

16 ~~(6)(7)~~ Establish recordable livestock brands;

17 ~~(7)(8)~~ Establish law enforcement, ownership inspection, and transportation requirements  
 18 within or without the ownership inspection area;

19 ~~(8)(9)~~ Establish a duplicate certificate fee not to exceed twenty dollars;

20 ~~(9)(10)~~ Establish a mileage fee for inspectors not to exceed the rate set pursuant to  
 21 § 3-9-1;

22 ~~(10)(11)~~ Establish an inspection fee for livestock located outside the ownership  
 23 inspection area not to exceed one dollar and sixty-five cents for each head of  
 24 livestock; and

25 ~~(11)(12)~~ Establish a brand registration application fee not to exceed fifty dollars.

- 1 **Section 2.** Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its
- 2 existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in
- 3 full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.